



SO, HAVE  
YOU WRITTEN  
ANYTHING  
GOOD YET?

WELL, THERE IS THIS  
ONE LINE, BUT I  
THINK IT'S ALREADY  
BEEN DONE.



"LAST NIGHT, I DREAMT  
OF GUACAMORA, AGAIN..."

WHAT?

YEAH, SOUNDS NICE,  
THOUGH I HAVE NO IDEA  
WHAT EXACTLY IT  
MEANS.

SO THE WRITER DOESN'T KNOW  
HIS OWN WORK?

NOT AT ALL, I AM MORE OF A  
HISTORIAN. I SET UP THE  
CHARACTERS AND THE SETTING  
AND THE EVENTS, AND LET THEM  
DO THE WORK. IT'S ALL IN MY  
HEAD OF COURSE, BUT THE ONLY  
THING THAT I DO IS PUT DOWN  
ON PAPER HOW EVERYTHING  
DEVELOPS.



THAT SEEMS LIKE A VERY  
ODD APPROACH TO WRITING.  
DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE YOU SHOULD HAVE MORE  
CONTROL OVER YOUR OWN CHARACTERS?



NOT REALLY.  
BECAUSE THEN  
THEY DON'T FEEL  
ALIVE.



IF I "WROTE" THEM HOWEVER I WANTED  
THEM TO BE, THEY WOULD FEEL FLAT.



SO INSTEAD THEY ARE  
HAPHAZARD?  
RUNNING  
AROUND  
DOING  
WHATEVER  
THEY  
PLEASE?  
NOT VERY  
ORGANIZED.



YEAH,  
BUT DOES  
ORGANIZATION  
MAKE FOR  
A GOOD  
STORY?



SOMETIMES, ACTUALLY A LOT OF TIMES, YOU  
GET INTO SITUATIONS WHERE YOU KNOW  
THAT A CHARACTER WILL MAKE A CHOICE,  
AND YOU CAN SEE WHERE THIS IS GOING  
TO LEAD, AND KNOW FULL WELL THAT  
IT'S NOT GOING IN ANY DIRECTION  
THAT YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO. AS A  
PERSON, AND A WRITER, YOU WANT  
TO CHANGE IT, YOU WANT HER TO  
PUT DOWN THE BOTTLE AND NOT DRINK  
THE POISON, BECAUSE YOU AS THE  
WRITER WOULD NOT DO THAT YOURSELF.  
BUT THEN AGAIN THAT CHOICE IS NOT UP  
TO YOU, IT IS THEIRS.

HAHAHAHA


I GUESS THERE IS SOME TRUTH TO THAT. I CAN THINK OF SEVERAL BOOKS OF GAY CHARACTERS WHERE YOU KNOW THAT IN THE PLACE AND TIME THAT THEY ARE IN, IT'S NOT THE BRIGHTEST IDEA TO "COME OUT".



WELL THAT IS AN INTERESTING POINT, SINCE I COULD ARGUE THAT THE BOOK THEN SERVES THE ROLE OF AN OUTLET FOR THE WRITER.

IN ANY CASE, MOST OF THOSE STORIES ARE USUALLY INTERESTING BECAUSE OF THE HARD DECISIONS THAT THE CHARACTERS MAKE.







THIS MAKES ME WONDER ABOUT  
THE VERY PEOPLE THAT  
I SEE EVERY DAY.  
I WONDER HOW  
MUCH OF THEIR  
LIFE IS  
INFLUENCED  
BY THE  
SETTINGS  
THAT  
THEY  
ARE  
IN.




I HAVE NEVER BEEN A  
RELIGIOUS PERSON,  
BUT THE THOUGHT  
OF AN  
INEFFABLE  
BEING,  
SITTING UP  
THERE,  
JUST WAITING  
TO SEE WHAT  
HAPPENS...  
WELL, IT KIND OF  
MAKES ME LAUGH.  
IT SOUNDS  
SILLY.



DON'T TAKE THIS  
THE WRONG  
WAY, BUT  
I AM TRYING  
TO IMAGINE  
OUR VERY  
LIVES, AS A  
STORY, AND  
HAVE GOD TAKE  
AND APPROACH  
TO WRITING MUCH  
LIKE YOURS.


THAT  
IS INTERESTING.  
SO, WHAT DO  
YOU SEE?



ON THE ONE HAND, IT'S A VERY REFRESHING THOUGHT TO KNOW  
THAT I AM IN CONTROL OF MY OWN STORY, THAT I HAVE BEEN GIVEN  
FREE WILL IN THIS STAGE AND LEFT TO DEAL WITH THE  
EVENTS THAT UNFOLD AROUND ME. I CAN'T PREVENT  
EARTHQUAKES, BUT I AM STILL RESPONSIBLE  
FOR MY BILLS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, I AM  
A LITTLE BIT AFRAID THAT I MIGHT  
SCREW IT UP. BECAUSE THEN I CAN'T BLAME  
ANYONE BUT MYSELF.

AND THIRD, IT MAKES ME FEEL  
KIND OF USED TO BE A PART OF SOMEONE  
ELSE'S ENTERTAINMENT. YOU KNOW?  
CONSTANTLY BEING WATCHED BY AN  
OMNISCIENT PEEPING-TOM.







WELL, THIS DAY JUST KEEPS GETTING  
BETTER AND BETTER.

HI HON.  
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE AT THIS  
TIME?

ARE THEY NOT KEEPING  
YOU BUSY ENOUGH  
AT WORK?



HEY THERE,  
I HAVE SOME  
FREE TIME.  
WITH THE  
ECONOMY  
THE WAY  
IT IS, WE  
DONT SEE  
MANY  
PEOPLE AT  
THIS DAY  
OF THE  
WEEK.



SO I  
THOUGHT  
I SHOULD  
DROP BY.



BESIDES,  
THE FOOD  
IS BETTER  
HERE THAN  
ANY JOIN  
IN THAT  
AREA.





ALSO, THE SERVICE HERE IS MUCH  
BETTER. AND THE  
STAFF IS  
BETTER  
LOOKING.

SO, HOW HAS YOUR DAY BEEN  
COMING  
ALONG?



SO FAR SO GOOD.  
WE HAVE HAD A STEADY  
TRICKLING OF CUSTOMERS.  
NOT TOO BUSY, BUT BUSY  
ENOUGH.

FOR THE MOST PART, I HAVE BEEN  
CHATTING IT UP WITH MY FRIEND HERE.  
LOUIS, THIS IS MY FRIEND-FRIEND THIS  
IS MY MATE LOUIS.



IT'S A  
PLEASURE.

FORGIVE ME, BUT  
WHAT IS YOUR  
NAME OLD  
MAN?



WELL THAT IS A VERY GOOD QUESTION. THE FUNNY THING IS THAT MOST PEOPLE I MEET, END UP CALLING ME JUST THAT, "OLD MAN".

I DON'T KNOW WHY IT STUCK, OR HOW MOST PEOPLE COME TO THE SAME NICKNAME, BUT IT WORKS.

HOWEVER, IF YOU MUST PUT A NAME TO THE FACE, I WILL NOT OBJECT.

SO, LET ME ADD THAT YOU MAY CALL ME "OJISAN" AND I AM DELIGHTED TO MEET YOU.

SO, I HAVE SOME REALLY INTERESTING NEWS TO TELL YOU.

I WAS SITTING AROUND AT THE LGBT CENTER EARLIER WHEN I HEARD A COUPLE OF PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT THIS PLACE.



APARENTLY, OUR LITTLE DINER HAS  
STARTED TO GET A REPUTATION AS  
AN LGBT HANGOUT SPOT.

OH  
REALLY?

OUTSIDE OF WEST  
HOLLYWOOD,  
THERE AREN'T  
MANY.

I WILL AGREE THAT THIS CITY  
SEEMS VERY DIVIDED IN THAT WAY.  
THERE ARE SEVERAL SPOTS IN  
THE CITY THAT ARE FRIENDLY,  
AND THERE ARE A LOT OF  
PIECES THAT ARE NOT.

I HAVE NOTICED THAT INDEED,  
LIKE YOU MENTIONED, THERE ARE  
NOT A LOT OF "GAY" ESTABLISH-  
MENTS OUTSIDE WE-HO. BUT,  
IS IT REALLY SUCH A GOOD  
IDEA TO START EARNING  
THAT KIND OF A REPUTATION?

OUTSIDE OF  
THAT AREA I  
MEAN?

ARE YOU NOT  
CONCERNED  
THAT IT  
MIGHT MAKE  
YOU A TARGET  
FOR A BROKEN  
WINDOW?

YOU KNOW, I NEVER THOUGHT  
ABOUT THAT.

HMM...

WELL, I SUPPOSE IT WOULD.  
I'M NOT AFRAID OF THE OLDER  
GENERATION. IN THIS AREA  
THEY DON'T SEEM TO CARE.  
WE MIGHT GET SOME  
TROUBLE FROM KIDS THOUGH.  
THERE ARE AT LEAST  
TWO SCHOOLS  
NEARBY.

ULTIMATELY THOUGH, I  
THINK WE WILL BE  
FINE. BESIDES, ONE  
BROKEN WINDOW  
DOESN'T COMPARE  
TO THE GOOD  
THAT WE DO  
BY JUST  
BEING  
HERE.

WE DON'T  
DISCRIMINATE, SO  
LGBT YOUTH CAN  
CHOOSE  
TO DINE IN A SAFE  
PLACE. AND IT IS OUR  
CHOICE TO PROVIDE  
IT. NO MATTER THE  
RISK.

FUNNY YOU SHOULD  
MENTION THAT.  
WE WERE JUST TALKING  
ABOUT PERSONAL  
CHOICES.


AND IN THIS  
CASE, I COMPLETELY  
AGREE WITH THE  
ONE THAT YOU  
TWO HAVE MADE.

PEOPLE MAKING  
CHOICES. IT'S KIND  
OF EXCITING. SMALL  
CHANGES LIKE THIS  
ARE USUALLY THE ONES  
THAT END UP MOVING  
MOUNTAINS.

I DON'T THINK  
WE DID IT TO CHANGE  
THE WORLD.  
THIS IS THE DINER  
THAT I HAVE ALWAYS  
GONE TO, IT'S A  
SECOND HOME FOR  
US.

THE PREVIOUS OWNER, A VERY  
GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, ALWAYS  
MADE US FEEL WELCOMED. GAY,  
STRAIGHT, UNDECIDED, IT  
DIDN'T MATTER.

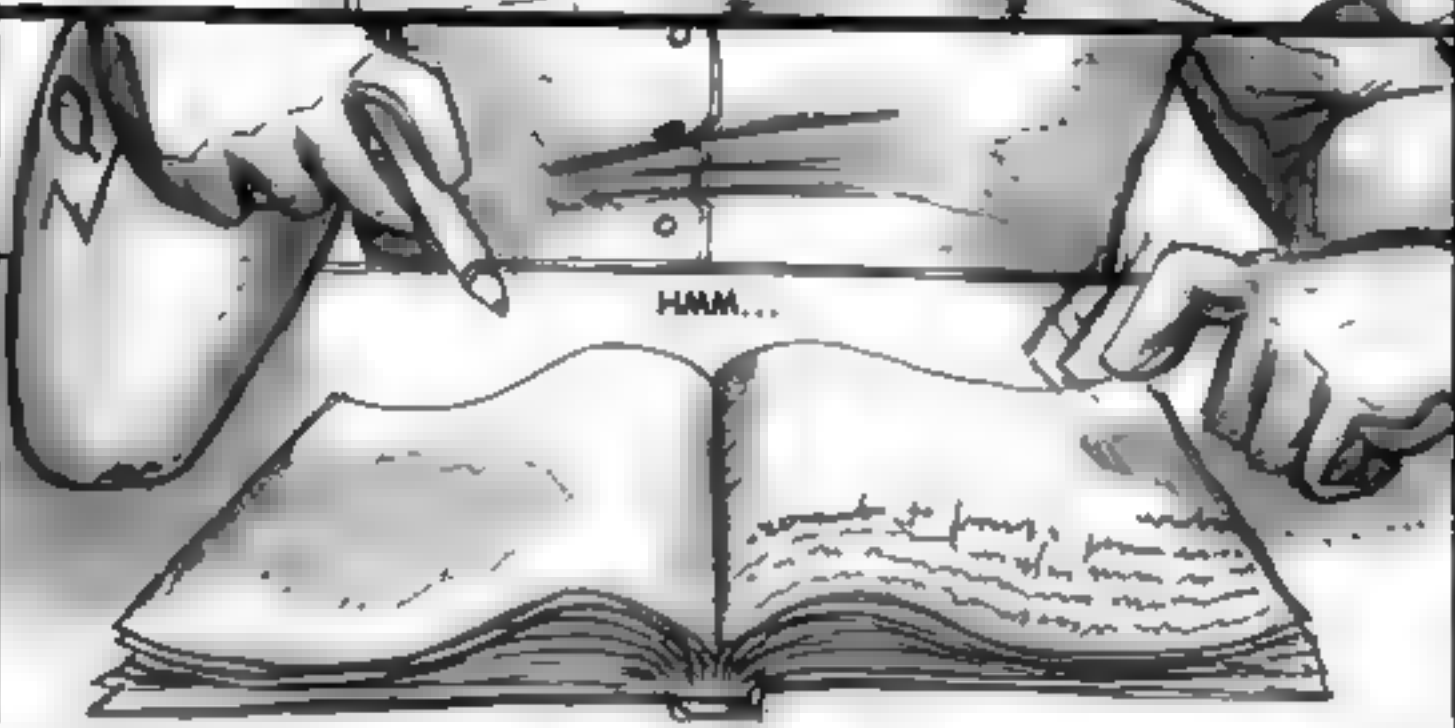
WE ARE JUST  
CONTINUING  
THE  
TRADITION.



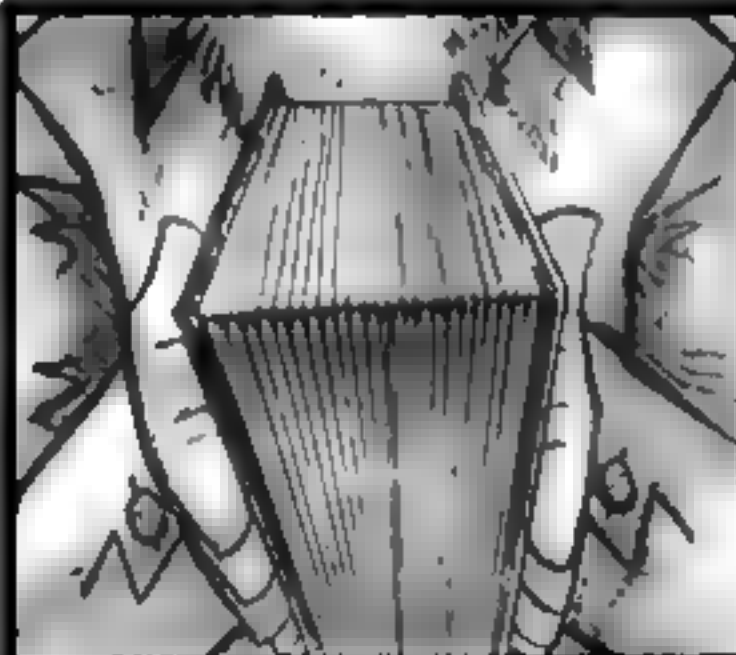
HERE IS YOUR ARNOLD PALMER WITH  
MORE ICED TEA THAN LEMONADE.  
— JUST THE WAY YOU LIKE IT.

ANYWAYS, I AGREE  
THAT AT FIRST, IT  
SOUNDED LIKE A  
CRAZY IDEA, AND  
MORE THAN ENOUGH  
PEOPLE TOLD US SO.  
BUT THERE IS THIS  
FEELING I GET THAT  
THAT KEEPS TELLING  
ME THAT I AM RIGHT.

YEAH, I AGREE WITH YOU IT WAS A CRAZY MOVE BUT IT FEELS  
RIGHT, AND EVERY NIGHT, WHEN I SEE THE HAPPY PEOPLE JUST  
ENJOYING THIS PLACE, IT IS ALL TOTALLY WORTH IT.



HMM...

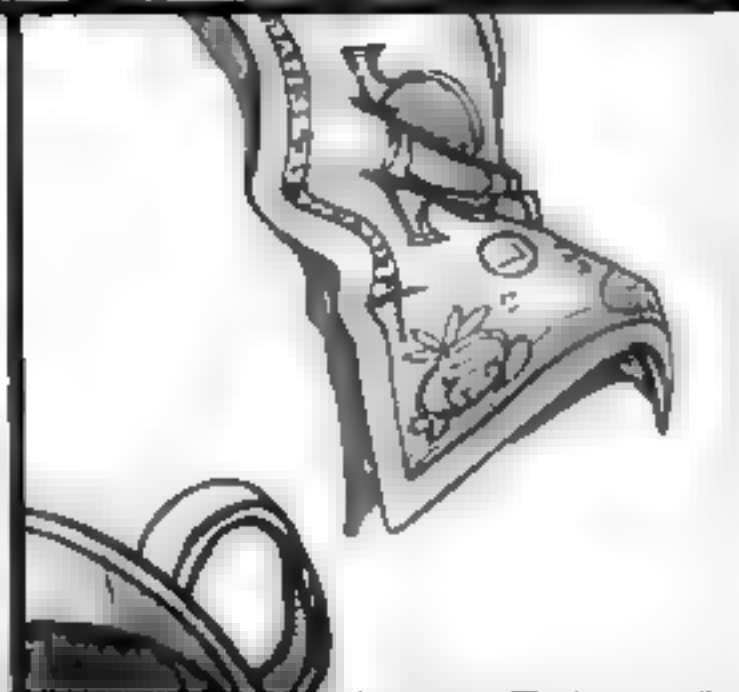
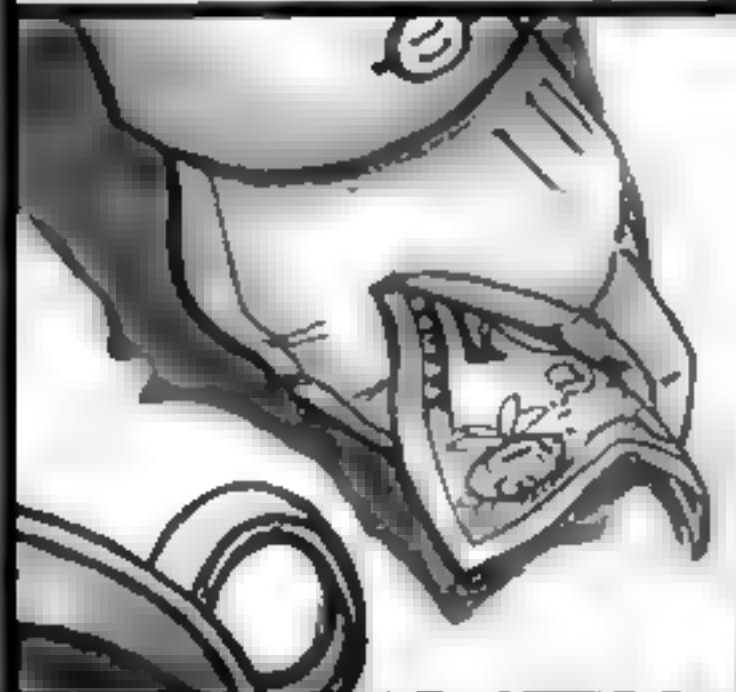


WELL, PERSONALLY  
I JUST CAN'T WAIT  
TO SEE HOW  
THINGS PLAY OUT.  
THERE IS, AFTER ALL,  
NO POINT IN TRYING  
TO GUESS THE  
FUTURE SO, ALL  
WE CAN DO, IS WAIT  
AND SEE.

AND WRITE,  
IN MY CASE.

AND FOR TODAY,  
I THINK I AM  
DONE WITH  
THAT.

SO, I'M  
GOING TO  
BID YOU LADIES  
ADIEU. I HAVE  
ERRANDS  
TO RUN.





MISS ROSE, MISS LOUIS,  
IT HAS TRULY BEEN  
A PLEASURE.

AND I HAVE TO  
CONFESS, THIS  
HAS BECOME  
ONE OF MY  
FAVORITE  
PLACES TO  
SIT DOWN  
AND  
THINK

EVEN THOUGH  
WE DIDNT  
TALK MUCH,  
THE FEELING  
IS MUTUAL.

PLUS THE COFFEE  
IS FANTASTIC.

SAY HELLO  
TO THE  
REST OF THE  
GANG FOR  
ME

OH, AND MISS ROSE,  
HE MIGHT BE  
A PEEPING TOM,  
BUT I DOUBT IT'S  
BECAUSE OF  
AMUSEMENT, OR  
ANYTHING LESS  
THAN SHEER  
CURIOSITY.

GOOD DAY  
LADIES.

WHAT AN INTERESTING FELLOW,  
THAT OJISAN. DOES HE KNOW  
ANY OF THE OTHER GUYS?

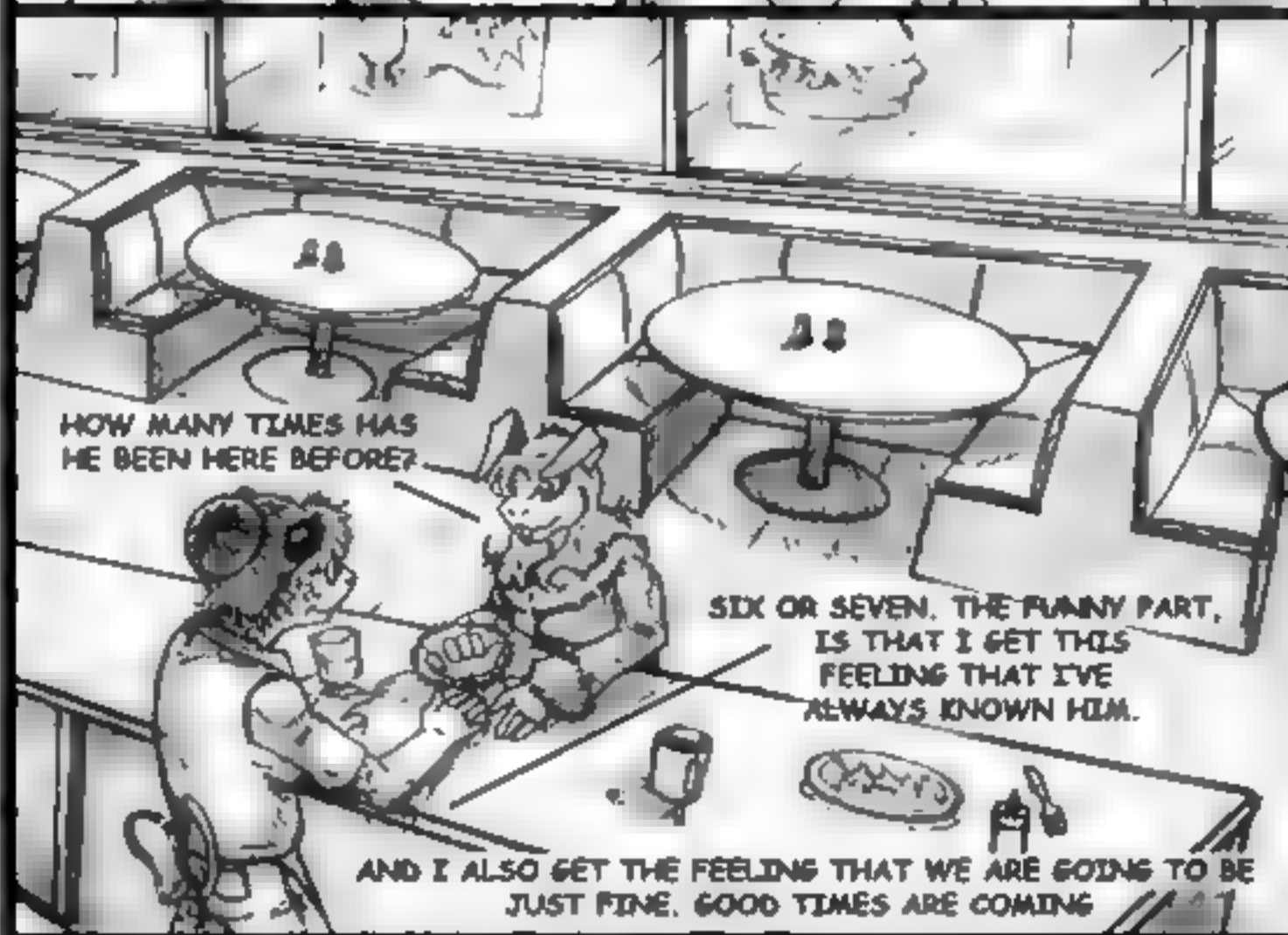
I DON'T KNOW.



I HOPE  
THAT  
WE  
DON'T  
KEEP  
ATTRACTING  
STRANGE  
PEOPLE  
LIKE HIM.

I DON'T THINK HE'S THAT STRANGE.  
HE IS GOOD AT CONVERSATIONS.  
USUALLY SHOWS UP WHEN THERE IS  
ALMOST NO ONE HERE.

AND HE IS AN AMAZING  
TIPPER. HE ORDERED  
FRIES AND COFFEE  
AND LEFT A TWENTY  
HE ALWAYS  
DOES THAT.



HOW MANY TIMES HAS  
HE BEEN HERE BEFORE?

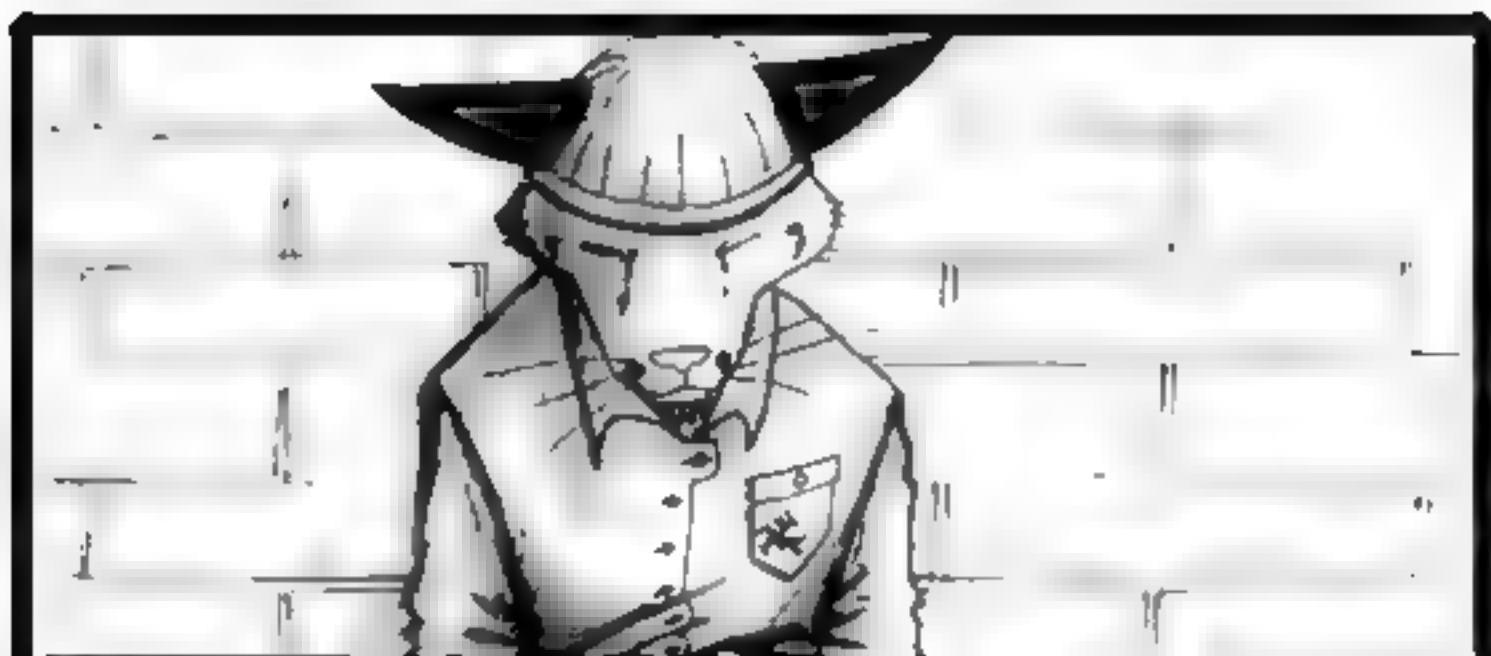
SIX OR SEVEN. THE FUNNY PART,  
IS THAT I GET THIS  
FEELING THAT I'VE  
ALWAYS KNOWN HIM.

AND I ALSO GET THE FEELING THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE  
JUST FINE. GOOD TIMES ARE COMING

ALL THESE THINGS THAT  
I HAVE DONE

-The Killers-









HEY THERE  
HANDSOME I  
HOPE THAT YOU  
HAVENT BEEN  
WAITING  
LONG.

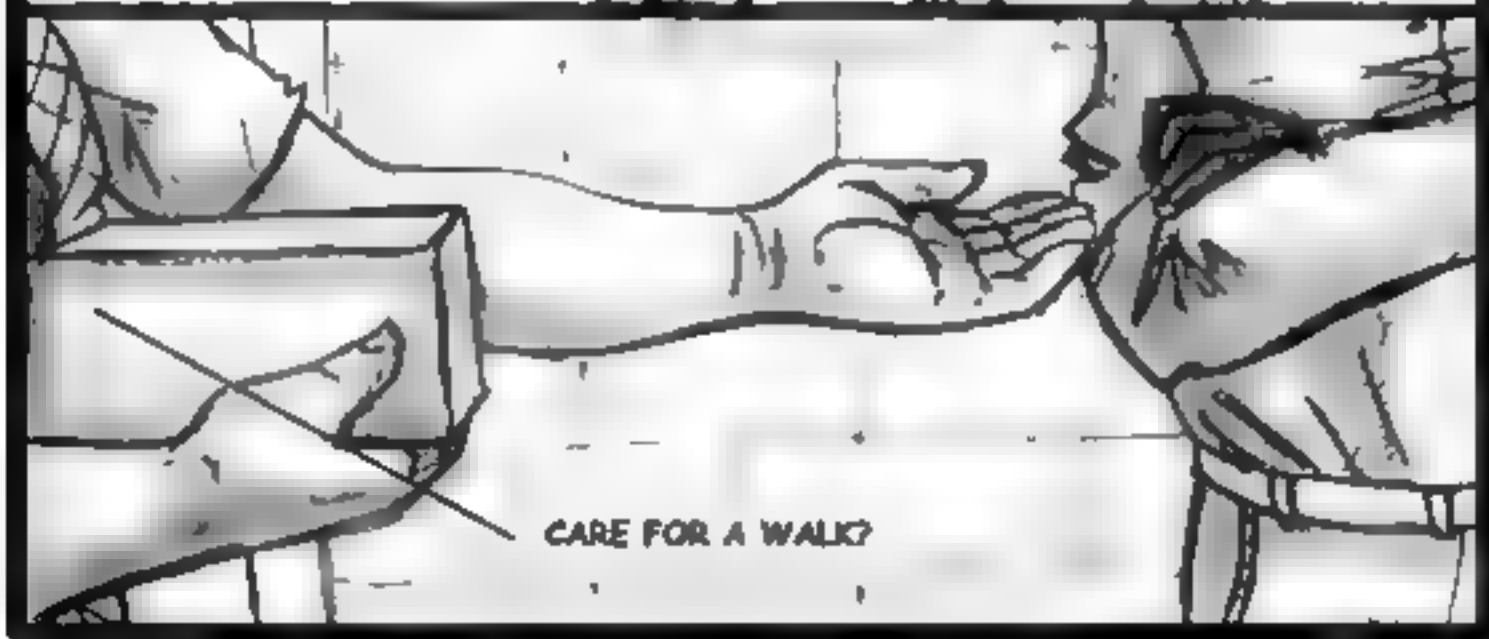


NO, I GOT HERE  
TEN MINUTES  
AGO. NOT TOO  
LONG.



GREAT, BECAUSE WE ARE STILL EARLY  
FOR OUR RESERVATIONS.

I WANTED  
TO TALK  
TO YOU  
ABOUT  
SOMETHING  
BEFORE WE  
HEAD IN.



CARE FOR A WALK?

I HOPE YOU REALIZE THAT I REALLY LIKE YOU AND I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO BE IN A STEADY RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU, BUT I FEEL THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM. I DON'T THINK THAT THIS IS WHO YOU REALLY ARE. SOMETIMES IT FEELS LIKE YOU ARE JUST ACTING, AND I KNOW IT HAS TO DO WITH WHATEVER MADE YOU GO AND SIT BY THE LGBT CENTER.

SO, CAN I ASK YOU TO TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED?

I DON'T...

BUT .

I REALLY LIKE YOU TOO.

IT'S JUST THAT I HATE REMEMBERING IT.

IT'S FINE IF YOU WANT TO KEEP TO YOURSELF.

JUST AS LONG AS YOU KNOW THAT I WANT TO GET TO KNOW YOU, THE GOOD, AND THE BAD.



IT WAS ALL BECAUSE OF THIS ONE GUY SORT OF I MET HIM AT A CONVENIENCE STORE AND HE CAUGHT ME CHECKING HIM OUT HE SEEMED KIND OF UPSET AT FIRST, BUT LIKE ALWAYS, I MANAGED TO CHARM HIM TO MY GOOD SIDE HE WAS CUTE AND EVERYTHING, SO I TOOK HIM HOME WITH ME I DIDN'T KNOW THAT HE HAD PLANNED FOR THAT WHEN HE CAUGHT ME STARING



HE WAS A BIT ROUGH THROUGH ALL OF IT, AND I JUST FIGURED THAT HE WAS INTO THAT SORT OF THING. WHEN HE FINISHED I WAS DISAPPOINTED SO I MADE A PLAYFUL COMMENT, AND THEN HE BLEW UP ON ME HE SAID THAT IT DIDN'T MATTER THAT I HADN'T FINISHED, BECAUSE I WAS ONLY A PLAYTOY THAT IT WAS WHAT ALL US "FAGS" WERE. HE WENT ON ABOUT HOW NONE OF US EVER HAVE COMMITMENT, AND ALL WE WANT IS SEX THAT WE ARE BROKEN AND DISEASED ON THE INSIDE NORMALLY I WOULDN'T HAVE CARED, BUT FOR SOME REASON, THAT NIGHT, IT KIND OF REALLY AFFECTED ME HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE MOST CLOSETED PERSON I HAVE EVER MET BUT HE WAS RIGHT ABOUT A COUPLE OF THINGS





I DON'T THINK I HAD MORE WHEN THAT I ONLY REMEMBER

I'VE NEVER HAD A STEADY RELATIONSHIP  
I'M PRETTY SURE THAT, AT THAT POINT, I HAD  
BECOME SOMETHING THAT MY ENTIRE FAMILY WOULD  
BE ASHAMED OF AND MORE IMPORTANTLY,  
I FELT ASHAMED OF MYSELF.

I STARED AT THE LEFT CENTER BECAUSE  
I FELT THAT I HAD BEEN CHEATED OUT  
OF ALL THE AMAZING THINGS THAT  
I THOUGHT BEING GAY WAS ABOUT.  
UP UNTIL THEN I HAD MODELED  
MYSELF AFTER WHAT I THOUGHT GAY WAS  
IN ORDER TO FIND LOVE, BUT ALL I SUCCEEDED  
IN DOING WAS BECOMING ANOTHER RUN-OF-THE-MILL  
QUEER



THAT DUMB LION HURT ME IN WAYS THAT I  
DIDN'T UNDERSTAND. AND TO BE HONEST, WHEN  
I SLEPT WITH YOU I KIND OF DID IT TO PROVE  
TO MYSELF THAT I WAS STILL WANTED, THAT  
IT WASN'T JUST THE SKIMPY CLOTHES OR THE  
"EASY ACCESS" ATTITUDE THAT I PRESENTED  
MYSELF WITH.

BUT THEN I REALIZED THAT I  
WAS MAKING ANOTHER MISTAKE  
YOU DIDN'T DESERVE TO BE JUST  
THAT EXTRA NOTCH. THAT IS WHY  
I FREAKED OUT THAT NIGHT.

THE END.







DON'T BE SORRY  
I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND  
WHAT YOU WERE GOING  
THROUGH. AND TO BE FAIR,  
YOU DIDN'T FORCE ME TO GO  
HOME WITH YOU. I WANTED TO.  
AND I DON'T REGRET IT.

IT DOES STING A LITTLE TO HEAR  
IT, BUT IT WILL PASS. AT LEAST NOW  
I KNOW WHAT WAS GOING THROUGH  
YOUR MIND.

AND IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT I TELL  
YOU ABOUT MYSELF TOO.



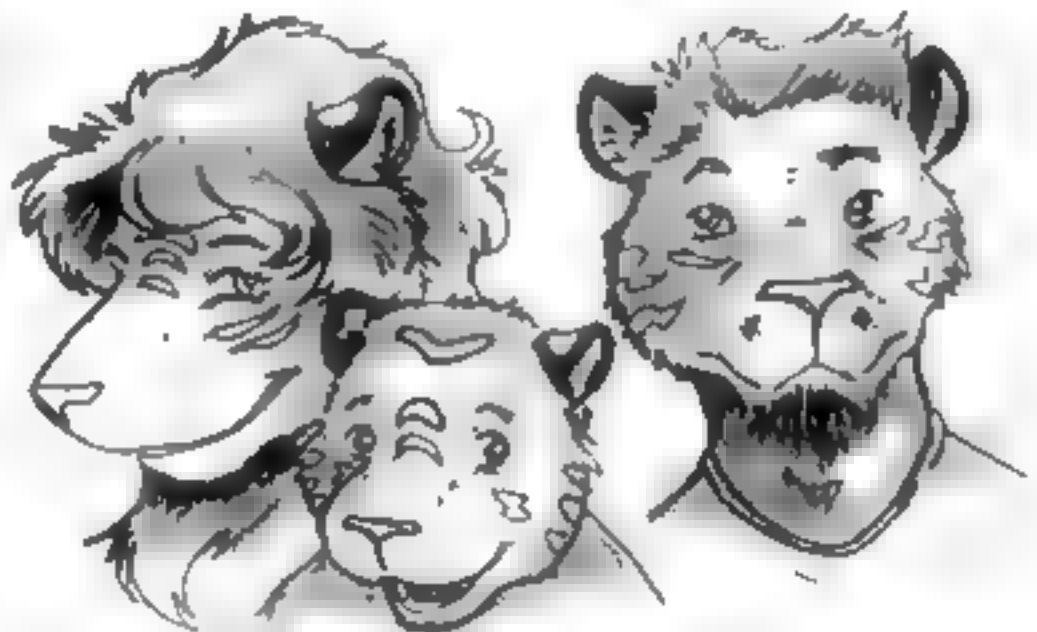


I WAS A PRETTY HAPPY CHILD.  
I WAS AN ONLY CHILD, AND THERE  
REALLY WASNT ANYTHING TOO SPECIAL  
ABOUT ME. AS A KID I WAS AVERAGE IN  
PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING. RACHEL AND  
JOHNATHAN, MY PARENTS WERE THE EXACT  
DEFINITION OF MIDDLE CLASS AMERICA.  
I WILL SAY THAT THEY WERE LIBERAL IN  
THEIR VIEWS, SINCE I WAS NEVER  
FORCED TO GO TO CHURCH, BUT I DID  
LEARN HOW TO HANDLE A GUN BY  
THE AGE OF 10.

I GREW UP IN SUBURBIA, AND  
IN WISCONSIN, WHERE THERE  
REALLY ISNT MUCH TO DO, OTHER  
THAN BE AMERICAN. THE PERSON  
THAT I AM TODAY IS TO SOME DEGREE  
INFLUENCED BY LIFE HERE IN LOS  
ANGELES, BECAUSE BACK THEN,  
I WAS AS PLAIN AS RICE.

OVERAL, I WOULD SAY THAT WE WERE  
A VERY HAPPY FAMILY. MY MOM AND DAD  
HAD PLANNED TO HAVE ME, SO WE WERE NEVER  
IN ANY FINANCIAL STRESS, AND SINCE I DIDNT  
HAVE ANY SIBLINGS, I HAD ALL THE ATTENTION THAT I WOULD EVER  
NEED. NOW, I DID HAVE A STRICT CODE OF CONDUCT, SO I WILL TOOT  
MY OWN HORN AND SAY THAT I DIDNT GROW UP A SPOILED BRAT.

DAD WAS ALWAYS  
A BIG BELIEVER  
IN CHEVALRY, AND  
HE PASSED THAT  
ON TO ME. MY  
MOM WAS A VERY  
PASSIONATE  
WOMAN, WHO  
BELIEVED IN  
LOVE AND  
KINDNESS.  
SO I WILL  
BLAME THEM  
FOR RAISING ME  
TO BE CORNY.



I MISS THEM BOTH  
SO VERY MUCH.

WHEN I WAS 14, MY MOTHER DIED.  
AND IT WAS FROM THAT POINT ON  
THAT EVERYTHING JUST KIND OF  
FELL OUT OF PLACE. I KNOW THAT  
USUALLY THERE IS A HUGE DIVISION  
BETWEEN HOMOSEXUALITY AND  
RELIGION. MOST PEOPLE THAT  
I MEET HERE OPPOSE IT.



BUT I DON'T THINK THAT I COULD  
HAVE GOTTEN THROUGH A LOT OF  
THINGS WITHOUT IT.  
MY FATHER LOVED MY MOTHER IN A  
WAY THAT I CANNOT EVEN DESCRIBE.  
AND AFTER SHE PASSED AWAY IT  
WAS ALMOST AS IF HE HAD DIED  
WITH HER.



I'M SO  
SORRY.

THANK  
YOU.

HIS ENTIRE PERSONALITY CHANGED  
AND AS MUCH AS I AM ASHAMED TO SAY IT  
I FELT A LITTLE BIT JEALOUS. BACK  
THEN I ALWAYS FELT THAT

~~HE HATED ME~~

THAT WAS STILL  
THERE. AND I

~~THAT I HATED HIM~~

NOW HE FELT UNTIL  
MANY YEARS LATER.



I KNOW NOW THAT HE LOVED ME AND  
THAT HE CARED FOR ME A LOT BUT  
THE WAY HE LOVED MY MOTHER  
WAS SOMETHING COMPLETELY  
DIFFERENT. I WAS THE  
REASON HE KEPT GOING,  
BUT SHE WAS HIS  
SOUL. SLOWLY HIS  
HEALTH STARTED  
DETERIORATING, AND  
WHEN I WAS 16, HE WAS  
DIAGNOSED WITH  
CANCER. OF COURSE HE  
DIDN'T TELL ME. HE HID  
IT FROM ME.



HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT  
I FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL AND  
MOVED ON TO COLLEGE.  
AND HE DID. I DIDN'T FIND  
OUT UNTIL I TURNED 18. HE  
PASSED AWAY WHEN I WAS  
19, MY FIRST YEAR  
OUT HERE.

I HAVE NO OTHER  
CLOSE FAMILY,  
SO I HAVE BEEN  
ON MY OWN  
SINCE.

WHEN HE WAS GONE, I WENT THROUGH A HUGE DEPRESSION. IT WAS SUDDENLY HORRIBLE OVERWHELMING TO BE ALONE. I HAD ALWAYS HAD THEM BOTH, AND IN A SHORT TIME, I HAD LOST THEM BOTH.

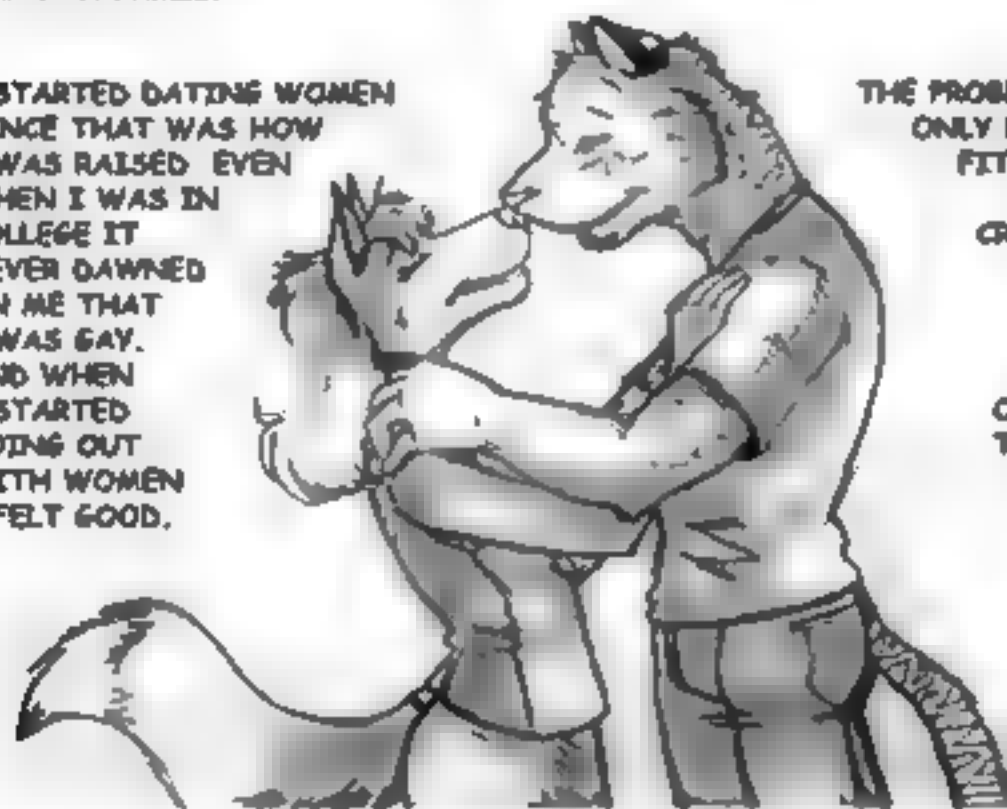
AT THE FUNERAL, THERE WERE ONLY FRIENDS. BOTH MY PARENTS WERE WELL LIKED BUT IT WAS STILL HORRIBLE TO HEAR THE WHISPERS BEHIND MY BACK, "POOR CHILD" "IT'S SUCH A SHAME", "WHAT A TRAGEDY" ETCETERA,



I SUPPOSE I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH THAT MOM AND DAD HAD LIFE INSURANCE, SO I WAS LEFT WITH ENOUGH MONEY NOT TO WORRY FOR QUITE SOME TIME, AND WHILE SOME MIGHT SAY THAT IT'S A GREAT THING, I WOULD TAKE MY PARENTS BACK AND BE POOR ANY DAY..

SO I TOOK A JOB, ANY JOB. MOSTLY IT WAS SO THAT I COULD FOCUS ON SOMETHING ELSE. AND FOR A TIME, IT WORKED. I STARTED FEELING HAPPY, AND I FORGOT ABOUT EVERYTHING FOR A WHILE. I FIGURED THAT I COULD START REBUILDING AND SOUGHT AFTER THE ONLY THING THAT AT THAT TIME I KNEW WOULD MAKE ME HAPPY: A FAMILY.

I STARTED DATING WOMEN SINCE THAT WAS HOW I WAS RAISED. EVEN WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE IT NEVER DAWNED ON ME THAT I WAS GAY. AND WHEN I STARTED GOING OUT WITH WOMEN I FELT GOOD.



THE PROBLEM WAS THAT I WAS ONLY HAPPY BECAUSE I WAS FITTING INTO THE MOLD THAT MY PARENT HAD CREATED. AND MOST OF THE WOMEN THAT I DATED HAD A PERSONALITY THAT REMINDED ME A LOT OF MY MOTHER. MAYBE THAT WAS WHY I WAS ATTRACTED TO THEM.

IT TOOK ME SOME TIME TO REALIZE THAT I WAS GAY.



AND WHEN I MET YOU I WAS REMINDED OF ALL THE INSECURITIES THAT I WENT THROUGH IN ORDER TO COME TO TERMS WITH MYSELF. IT'S NOT EASY ADMITTING THAT YOU ARE DIFFERENT THAN EVERYONE ELSE. THAT IN THESE TIMES, MOST OF THE WORLD WILL TEND TO HATE YOU AND WON'T UNDERSTAND YOU. I DEALT WITH IT ALL. I HAD THE ADVANTAGE THAT THERE WAS NO ONE TO COME OUT TO. I DON'T HAVE MANY FRIENDS, AND EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE GONE, I KNOW THAT MY PARENTS WOULD HAVE SUPPORTED ME NO MATTER WHAT.

IT MIGHT SOUND WRONG, BUT THAT IS WHAT ATTRACTED ME TO YOU, THAT I COULD SEE IN YOU SOME OF THE PAIN THAT I HAVE FELT. AT FIRST I WANTED TO HELP YOU AND FIX YOU, BUT AS I GOT TO KNOW YOU, THROUGH THE BITS AND PIECES OF YOUR REAL PERSONALITY THAT YOU LET PASS THROUGH THIS MASK, I STARTED TO REALIZE THAT I WANTED MORE.

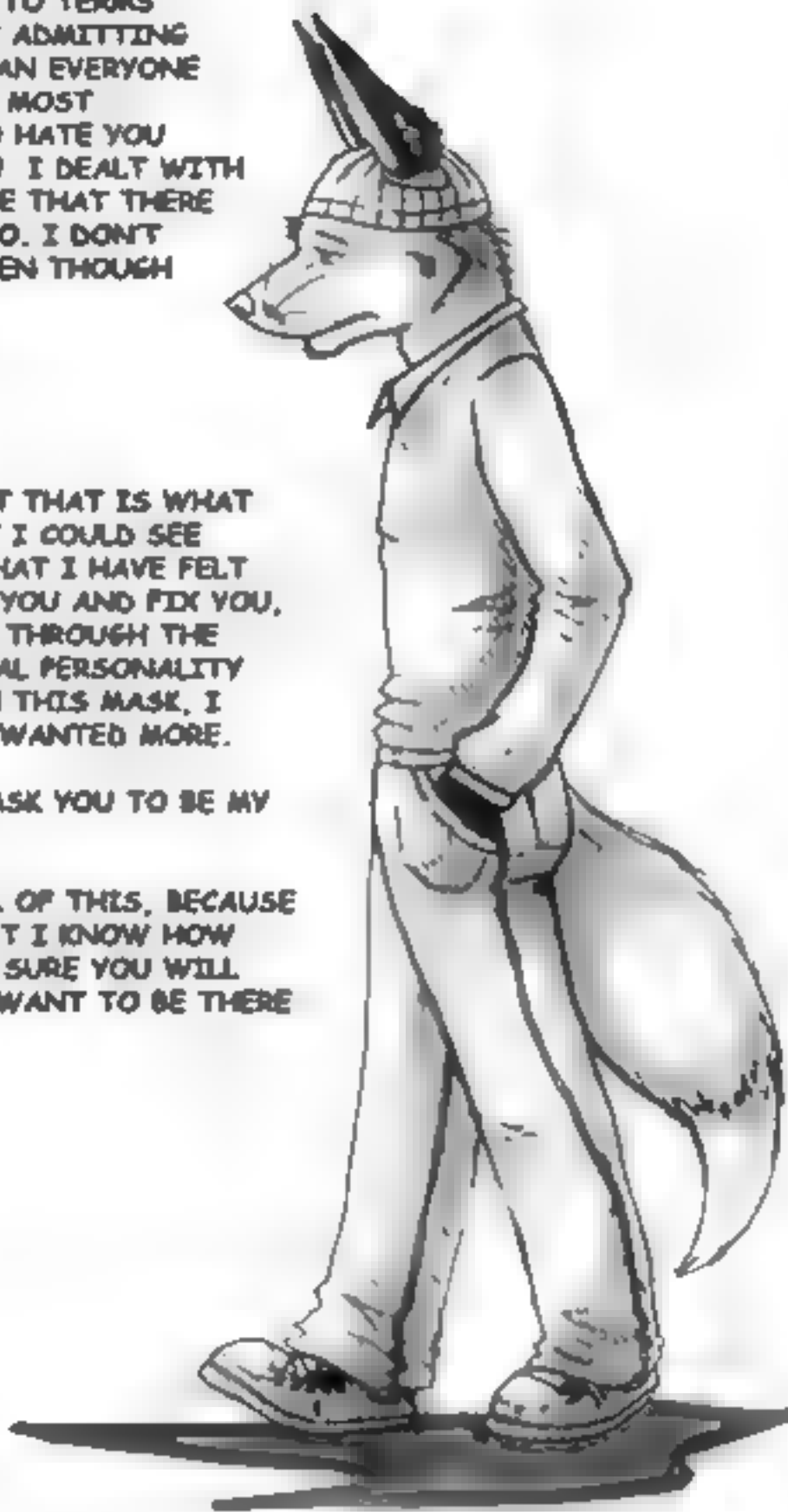
THAT IS WHY I WANTED TO ASK YOU TO BE MY PARTNER.

THAT IS WHY I TOLD YOU ALL OF THIS, BECAUSE I WANTED YOU TO HEAR, THAT I KNOW HOW IT ALL FEELS AND THAT I AM SURE YOU WILL GET OVER THIS. AND THAT I WANT TO BE THERE WHEN YOU DO.

SO...

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

WILL WE BE GOING INTO THAT RESTAURANT AS A COUPLE?



**WHAT?**

WAIT? WHAT?

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

EVEN AFTER ALL I TOLD YOU?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO  
SAY?

ARE YOU REALLY SERIOUS?



YES, I'M REALLY SERIOUS.

I WOULD REALLY LOVE  
TO CALL YOU MY PARTNER.

YES...



HERE, I GOT YOU THIS I HOPE THAT  
YOU LIKE IT.

A SHIRT?

THANK  
YOU.

OH, MY, GOD...





I LOVE IT

HOW DID YOU  
KNOW THAT I  
WAS GOING TO  
LIKE IT? I'VE TRIED SO  
HARD TO HIDE STUFF  
LIKE THIS FROM  
YOU AND MYSELF.



THAT'S  
EASY, I  
STALKED YOU  
ON FACEBOOK.  
YOUR FRIENDS  
HAVE A LOT  
OF PICTURES  
OF YOU.



SO, DO YOU LIKE IT? ARE YOU GOING TO WEAR IT?

I LOVE IT AND I WILL ONLY WEAR IT IF YOU ARE SURE YOU WANT ME TO.

OF COURSE I'M SURE



I'M A PRETTY HIGH MAINTENANCE GUY YOU KNOW.



I COULD FIGURE THAT OUT BY THE WAY YOU MAKE LOVE BUT I THINK I KNOW WHAT I AM GETTING MYSELF INTO.

AND I STILL WANT YOU.







SO, SHOULD WE GO IN TO THE  
RESTAURANT AND LET THEM KNOW  
THAT WE WILL BE SITTING  
TOGETHER AS A  
COUPLE?

ACTUALLY, WOULD  
YOU MIND IF  
WE CANCEL THAT  
RESERVATION?  
I HAVE SOMETHING  
ELSE IN MIND.

YOU WILL  
SEE.

OH?  
LIKE WHAT?







YOU KNOW, IT'S USUALLY NOT MY BUSINESS TO TALK PEOPLE OUT OF DRINKING, BUT I'VE SEEN YOU HERE ALMOST EVERY DAY FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS.


YEAH, IT'S BEEN A BIT OF A ROUGH TIME FOR ME. A DRINK HERE OR THERE HELPS.



I'M GOING TO TAKE A WILD GUESS AND SAY THAT IT'S BECAUSE OF A WOMAN? A MAN? YOU CAN NEVER TELL THESE DAYS. EITHER WAY, I'M POSITIVE YOU ARE MEDICATING BECAUSE OF RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS.

AM I RIGHT?






YEAH, WELL, BECAUSE I USED TO HAVE  
RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS.

I DON'T ANYMORE, AND THAT IS  
THE PROBLEM, IF THAT MAKES SENSE.

A BREAK-UP.  
I SEE.



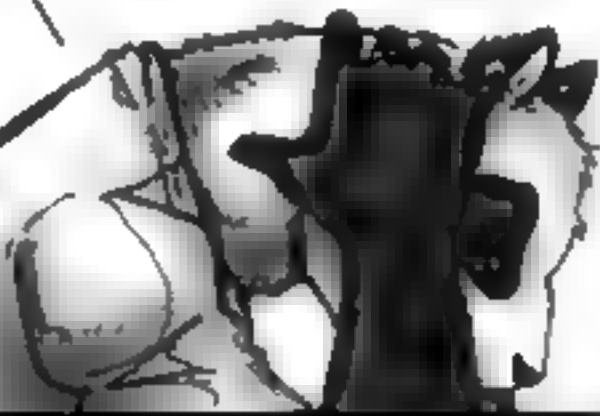
DID SHE DUMP YOU  
FOR SOMEONE ELSE?

CAUGHT HIM  
CHEATING?

ARE YOU  
AT LEAST GOING  
TO TELL ME IF IT  
WAS A GUY OR  
A GAL?

IT WAS A GIRL.  
SHE WAS MY HIGH-SCHOOL  
SWEETHEART,  
AND HAD BEEN MY GIRLFRIEND  
FOR THE BETTER PART OF A  
DECADE NOW.

AHH, I SEE.  
SOUNDS ROUGH.



ACTUALLY IT WAS A VERY  
SMOOTH BREAK WE JUST  
DON'T TALK ANYMORE.  
I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO GET HER  
OUT OF MY HEAD.

IT ALWAYS HAPPENS  
LIKE THAT.



WELL, I'LL TELL YOU THIS: THE ALCOHOL WILL PROBABLY JUST MAKE IT WORSE. YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY PEOPLE END UP CALLING OR VISITING, OR CONTACTING THEIR EXES DUE TO ALCOHOL.

THE RESULT IS NEVER PRETTY.

I USUALLY LET THEM DO IT BECAUSE IT'S FUNNY BUT IN YOUR CASE, I HAVE A FEELING THAT IT WILL JUST CAUSE THINGS TO GO REALLY SOUR.

UNLESS YOU CAN TELL ME THAT YOU REALLY WANT HER BACK AND THAT SHE FEELS THE SAME WAY.

I DON'T THINK I WANT HER BACK.

WELL, IN MY PERSONAL OPINION, I WOULD SUGGEST BURNING THE BRIDGE IN MOST CASES. STAYING FRIENDS JUST CAUSES MORE WOUNDS.

I DON'T KNOW I REALLY MISS HER.

AT LEAST I THINK I MISS HER I JUST FEEL ALONE.

EVEN IF SHE WAS SEVERAL STATES AWAY, I ALWAYS FELT COMFORTABLE KNOWING SHE WAS THERE

GOD! IT FEELS LIKE I'VE WASTED SO MUCH TIME I AM SINGLE AGAIN! THIS SUCKS!



I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE, BUT THAT IS KIND OF FUNNY. AT YOUR AGE, SHOULDN'T THAT BE A GOOD THING?

YOU GET THE CHANCE TO GO OUT ON THE HUNT AGAIN.

MEET NEW WOMEN, AND THE SUCH.




ON THE HUNT AGAIN? I'M NOT EXACTLY THE BEST AT IT. I'VE ONLY EVER TRIED TO GET A GIRL ONCE! I WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO START NOW.




BESIDES, LOOK AT ME, I'M NOT EXACTLY THE BEST CATCH. I'M KIND OF FAT. I HAVE NO GOOD CLOTHES MY CAR IS AT LEAST A DECADE OLD AND THE LIST GOES ON. SHE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A NUT, BUT AT LEAST LILA DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THOSE THINGS. A NEW WOMAN DEFINITELY WILL.

AT LEAST — I THINK SHE WILL...



THAT DEFINITELY HAS  
A MISOGYNISTIC TONE TO  
IT BUT SINCE YOU'RE  
BUZZED, I'LL LET IT  
SLIDE ANYWAYS. WHAT  
I AM SAYING IS THAT  
IT IS TIME  
FOR YOU TO  
GO AND MEET  
NEW GIRLS  
MAYBE GROW  
UP EVEN  
LEARN MORE  
ABOUT  
WHO YOU  
ARE.




I AM DEFINITELY  
GETTING  
THE  
FEELING  
THAT

YOU  
STAYED  
WITH THIS  
LILA  
BECAUSE  
YOU  
FELT  
SAFE,  
YOU  
FELT  
THAT  
YOU  
WERE  
DONE

SHE WAS YOUR  
SAFETY, YOUR  
BACK-UP PLAN  
IF EVERYTHING  
ELSE CHANGED  
SHE WOULD  
STILL BE  
THERE  
AND THAT  
IS JUST  
LAZY.

YOU ARE RIGHT TO  
SOME DEGREE. SHE  
DID MAKE ME FEEL  
THAT I HAD ALREADY  
CONQUERED ONE OF  
THE BIGGEST HURDLES.



I HAD A MATE SOMETHING THAT A LOT OF  
MY FRIENDS ALWAYS COMPLAINED  
ABOUT I WAS THE LUCKY ONE WHO DIDN'T  
HAVE TO DEAL WITH THAT AND NOW I  
AM IN THE SAME BOAT AND IT SCARES  
ME, AND IT MAKES ME ANGRY AND IT  
MAKES ME DEPRESSED.

BUT DON'T YOU FIND THAT  
A LITTLE BIT THRILLING?  
THE IDEA OF GOING OUT  
THERE AND MEETING NEW  
AND EVEN MORE  
INTERESTING PEOPLE?

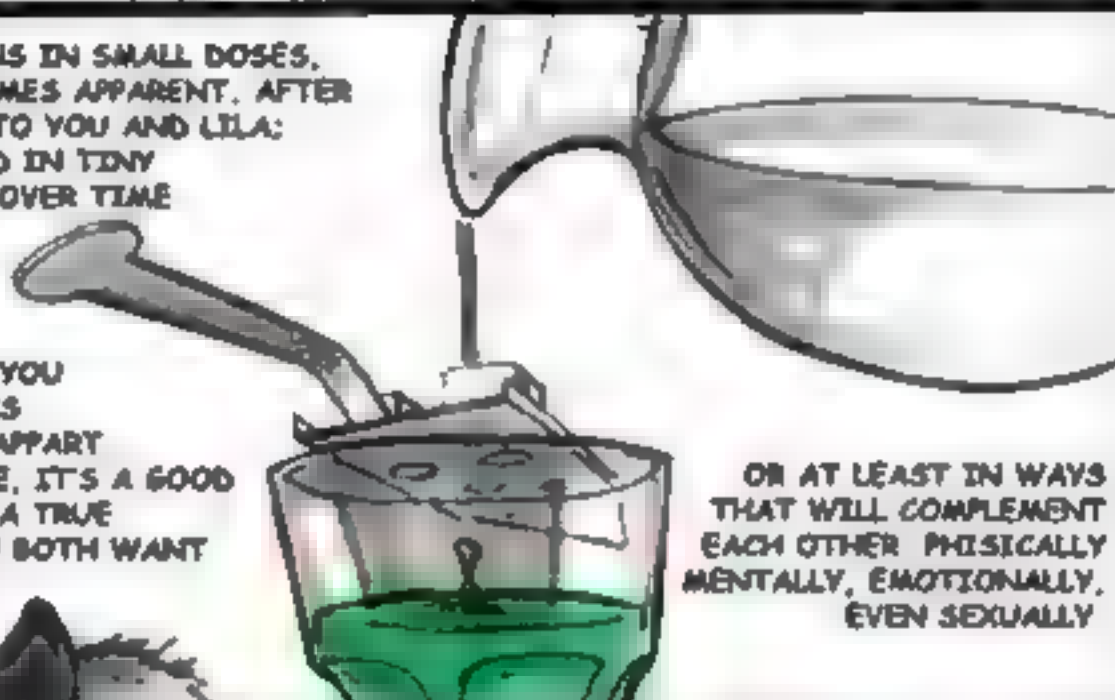
OLDER, YOUNGER, TALLER  
SHORTER, SKINNER,  
WIDER, WITH SPOTS  
WITH STRIPES,  
WITH AN  
ACCENT.

FOREIGN,  
DOMESTIC.  
MY, MY...



THE LIST GOES ON AND ON AND ON.  
I REALIZE THAT THIS IS  
NOT AS EASY AS GOING OUT  
AND GETTING A NEW PAIR OF JEANS.  
BUT IT'S SIMILAR IN A WAY  
YOU HAVE TO GET USED TO THE  
IDEA OF CHANGE AND MOST  
PEOPLE DON'T LIKE CHANGE  
ULTIMATELY THOUGH. THERE  
IS NOTHING THAT WE CAN  
DO ABOUT IT.  
THE WORLD WILL  
CONTINUE TO CHANGE  
AND WE CHANGE WITH IT.

IT USUALLY HAPPENS IN SMALL DOSES.  
UNTIL IT ALL BECOMES APPARENT. AFTER  
ALL, IT HAPPENED TO YOU AND LILA:  
YOU BOTH CHANGED IN TINY  
AMOUNTS, THAT OVER TIME  
DRASTICALLY  
ALTERED WHO  
YOU ARE NOW,  
FROM WHO YOU  
USED TO BE WHEN YOU  
FIRST MET THAT IS  
WHAT DROVE YOU APART  
AND IF YOU ASK ME, IT'S A GOOD  
SIGN, BECAUSE IN A TRUE  
RELATIONSHIP YOU BOTH WANT  
TO CHANGE IN THE  
SAME  
DIRECTION



OR AT LEAST IN WAYS  
THAT WILL COMPLEMENT  
EACH OTHER PHYSICALLY  
MENTALLY, EMOTIONALLY,  
EVEN SEXUALLY

I'M NOT YOUNG ENOUGH THAT I DON'T REALIZE THAT  
I KNOW I HAVE TO MOVE ON I KNOW THAT I  
NEED TO FIND A NEW MATE I ALSO REALIZE  
THAT WE MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN AS PERFECT  
A COUPLE AS I THOUGHT I MEAN, I MISS  
HER, BUT LIKE I MENTIONED BEFORE, IT  
WASN'T A BAD BREAKUP WE WERE ALREADY  
KIND OF DISTANT.

WHAT I REGRET THE MOST,  
ARE ALL THOSE LOST YEARS.

"SIGH"

OR MAYBE I'M JUST  
DRUNK AND HORNY.







HERE, TRY THIS  
ON THE HOUSE  
IT WON'T  
FIX YOUR  
PROBLEMS  
BUT IT  
WON'T  
GIVE  
YOU  
MUCH OF  
A HANG-  
OVER.




AND WITH THAT BEING SAID, I AM ALSO  
GOING TO CUT YOU OFF FOR TODAY  
I DOUBT THAT YOU NEED OR CAN HANDLE  
ANYTHING MORE THAN THIS LAST GLASS.



HMM LOOKS WEIRD.  
WHAT IS IT?

ALL THAT YOU NEED  
AND NOTHING YOU WANT.

TRUST YOUR FRIENDLY  
NEIGHBORHOOD BARTENDER.  
I'M CERTIFIED.



NOT BAD, THIS IS EITHER SOME REALLY  
DECEIVINLY GOOD STUFF, OR PLAIN SUGAR  
WATER.

YOU KNOW, MAYBE BEING SINGLE  
WON'T BE SUCH A BAD  
THING. IT'S JUST  
THAT I AM A CREATURE  
OF HABIT I HATE  
CHANGE.

GETTING ADJUSTED TO THE NEW  
NORMAL WILL BE INTERESTING.

ABSOLUTELY  
THIS IS A WHOLE  
NEW CHAPTER  
FOR YOU.

MEH, MAYBE  
IT WON'T ALL  
BE SO BAD

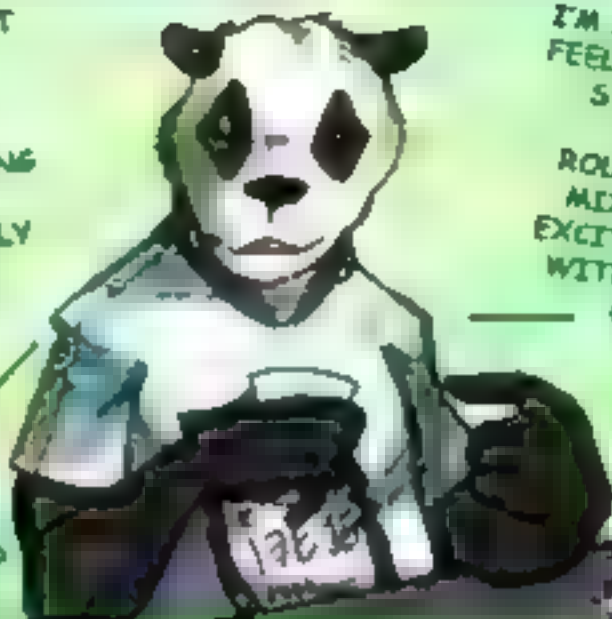
CHANGE IS  
NOT ALWAYS  
BAD. RIGHT?



I MEAN, IT CAN BE BUT  
NOT ALWAYS

MY GOD I'M REALIZING  
HOW MUCH OF A  
CHICKEN-SHIT I REALLY  
AM AND I DON'T  
EVEN KNOW WHY

I'M WASTING  
TIME SITTING  
HERE FEELING  
SORRY ABOUT  
HAVING WASTED  
TIME



I'M STARTING TO GET THAT  
FEELING IN THE PIT OF MY  
STOMACH THAT I GET  
WHEN I GO ON A  
ROLLER COASTER A FUN  
MIXTURE OF FEAR AND  
EXCITEMENT THAT COMES  
WITH THE KNOWLEDGE  
OF THE SUDDEN  
DROP AHEAD

DID YOU KNOW THAT  
I'M IN MY MID TWENTIES  
AND I'VE ONLY EVER  
GOTTEN AS FAR AS  
SECOND BASE?

AND ONLY  
WITH ONE BOOB?

DON'T TELL MY FRIENDS  
THAT



YOU KNOW WHAT?  
I CAN FINALLY  
DYE MY HAIR!  
LILA WOULD NEVER  
HAVE ALLOWED ME  
TO!

THIS IS STARTING TO  
SOUND MORE AND  
MORE AWESOME THE  
MORE I THINK ABOUT IT!

YEEEEEEAH  
THIS IS GOING  
TO BE GREAT



FIRST, I THINK I'M GOING  
TO HIT THE STRIP CLUB



LILA DIDN'T WANT ME GOING TO THE  
GYM SHE WAS AFRAID THAT I WAS  
GOING TO GET HIT ON BY OTHER WOMEN  
AND SHE ALWAYS SAID THAT SHE LIKED  
ME THE WAY I AM, GUT AND ALL

BUT I THINK IT'S FINALLY TIME FOR ME  
TO GET BACK IN SHAPE

BUT I'VE  
NEVER BEEN  
TO ONE OF  
THOSE! WHAT  
WILL MY  
FRIENDS  
THINK?



MAYBE I'LL JUST START BY GOING TO  
THE GYM YEAM THE GYM



I DON'T THINK I WANT  
TO TAKE CREDIT FOR  
CREATING THIS MONSTER.

CALL ME NO  
FRANKENSTEIN.

NO NO, I MERELY  
PROVIDED THE GENTLE  
PUSH NECESSARY FOR  
ANY WALL TO COLLAPSE  
AFTER MANY, MANY  
YEARS OF CONSTANT  
PRESSURE BEHIND  
IT



I GUESS I DON'T THINK  
THAT I WILL GO  
COMPLETELY  
WILD. BUT  
AT  
LEAST  
I  
WON'T  
BE AS  
RESTRAINED.

IT'S A  
GOOD  
START.



THANK YOU  
OLD MAN  
SENSEI.



"OLD MAN SENSEI?"

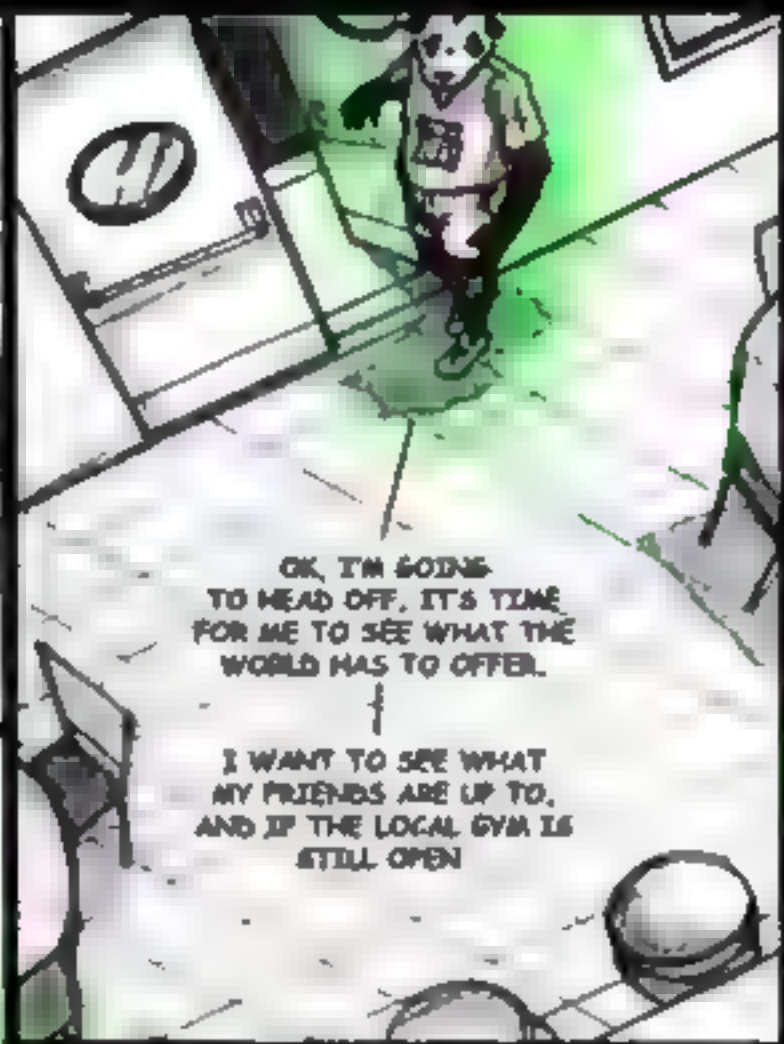
I THINK  
THAT I  
AM  
STUCK  
WITH  
THAT  
NAME.

OH WELL, IT  
COULD BE WORSE



OK, I'M GOING  
TO HEAD OFF. IT'S TIME  
FOR ME TO SEE WHAT THE  
WORLD HAS TO OFFER.

I WANT TO SEE WHAT  
MY FRIENDS ARE UP TO,  
AND IF THE LOCAL GYM IS  
STILL OPEN



SEE YA AROUND  
THANKS FOR THE DRINK.

GOODBYE

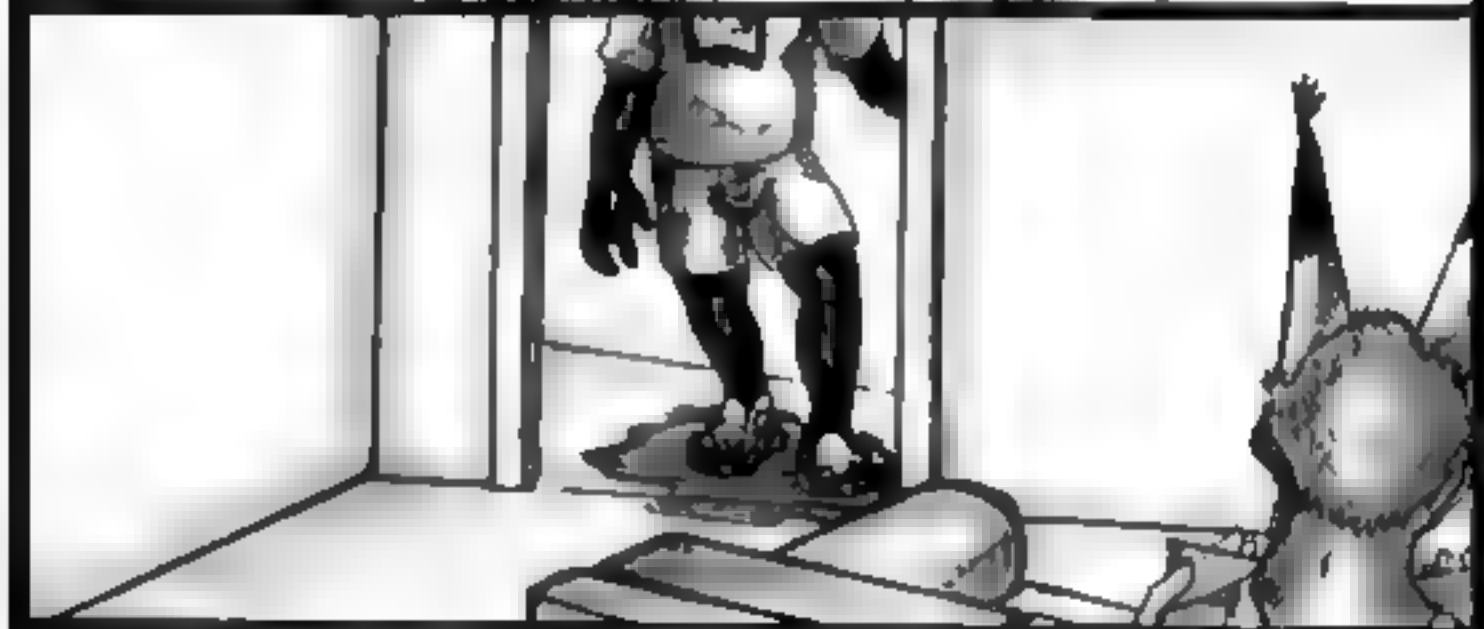





# OH MY GOD

-Ida Maria-









HEY THERE CHRIS.  
HAVENT SEEN YOU  
IN A WHILE HOW ARE  
YOU DOING?

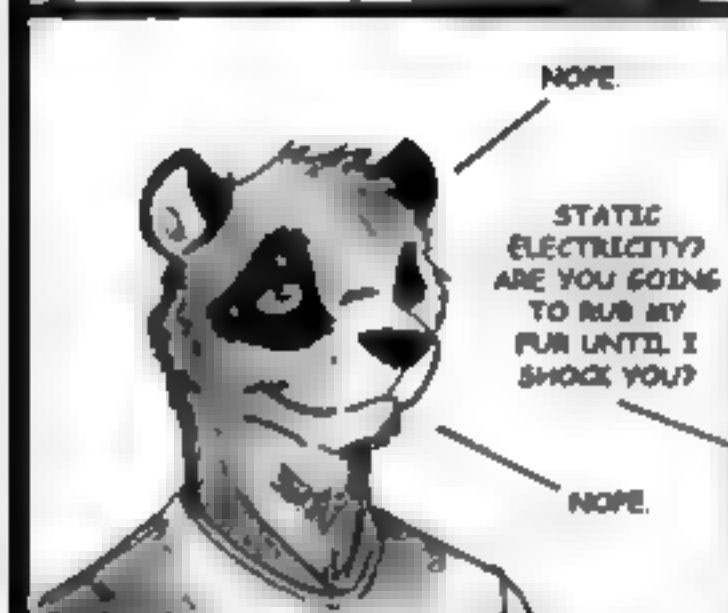
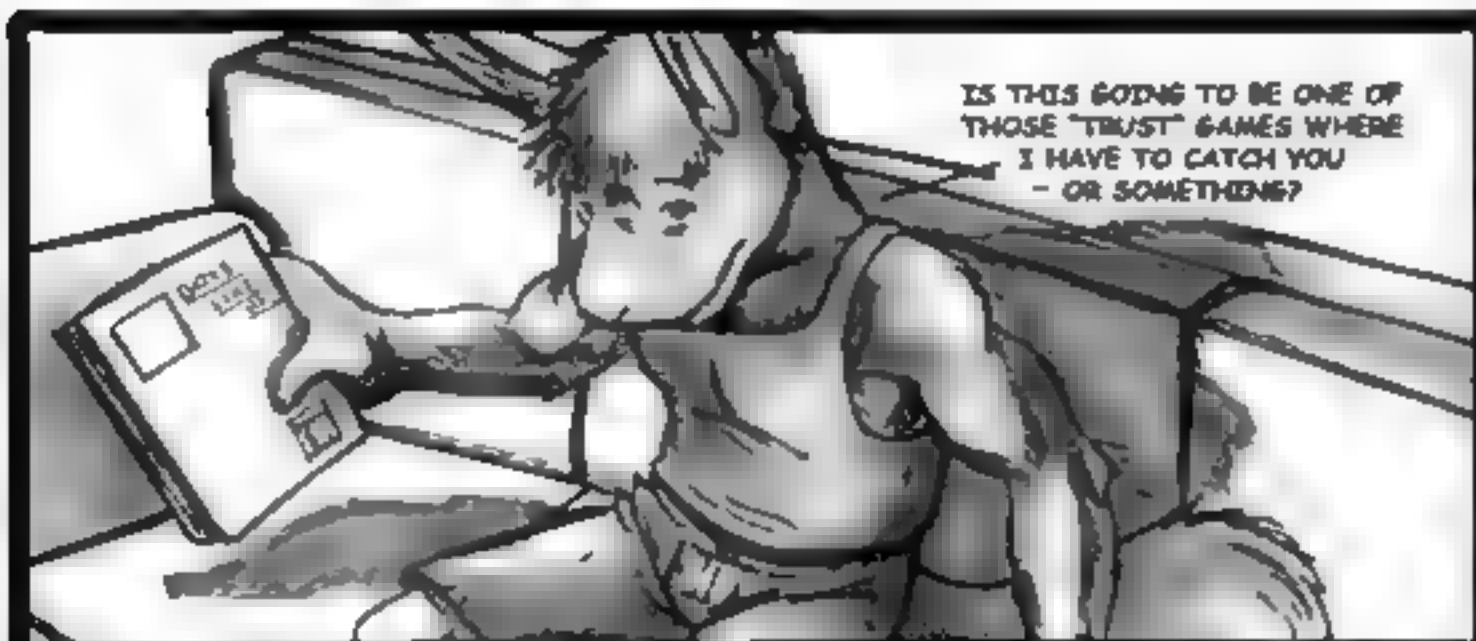
HUSKY IS IN  
THE SHOWER  
GETTING  
READY BY  
THE WAY

I AM DOING FANTASTIC  
TODAY! I DECIDED THAT  
I AM GOING TO TRY  
A LITTLE  
EXPERIMENT.

AND I WOULD LIKE TO TRY IT OUT WITH YOU.  
SO, WHAT DO YOU SAY, CARE TO HELP?

WHAT KIND OF EXPERIMENT?

THE LIFE CHANGING  
KIND.





YOU'RE DRUNK OUT OF  
YOUR MIND, AREN'T  
YA?



DO YOU KNOW THE  
BEST PART?

YOU'RE  
STILL  
HORRIBLY  
FUN ATTRACTIVE



SOMEONE JUST RECENTLY REMINDED ME  
THAT I AM YOUNG AND SINGLE  
AND I FIGURED THAT I  
SHOULD TRY STUFF OUT  
AND I WAS CURIOUS

ABOUT YOUR  
SEXUALITY?

YEAH I MEAN EVER  
SINCE I CAN REMEMBER  
I'VE BEEN STRAIGHT  
BECAUSE I HAD A  
GIRLFRIEND NOW  
THAT I AM SINGLE  
I WANTED TO SEE  
IF I WAS ATTRACTED  
TO MEN

AND I  
AM NOT

AND WHAT  
DID I HAVE  
TO DO WITH  
ANY OF THIS?

OH GOD.

YOU WERE  
HERE AND  
YOU ARE  
ATTRACTIVE  
ACCORDING  
TO OTHER  
PEOPLE

THAT HUG DID NOTHING FOR ME  
I DIDN'T EVEN FEEL A FLINCH  
DOWN THERE

I'M SURPRISED THE  
WHOLE GANG THINKS  
YOU'RE A HOTTIE  
EVEN THE GIRLS

MOST OF THE GIRLS THAT HUSKY  
HAD INTRODUCED ME TO  
ARE LESBIANS YOU  
MUST BE THINKING  
OF THE WRONG GUY,  
OR THE WRONG GIRLS.

NO IT WAS YOU  
WHEN YOU FIRST  
SLEPT WITH  
HUSKY HE GOT  
QUESTIONED  
I THINK IT WAS  
THE FIRST  
TIME YOU  
SLEPT WITH  
HIM?

EVEN ROSE WANTED  
TO KNOW HOW  
BIG YOUR  
WEENIE  
IS!

HA  
HA  
HAI

WHAT?!

DON'T WORRY  
HUSKY NEVER TOLD  
US BUT I STILL THINK  
ROSE WANTS TO KNOW  
AND I KNOW ANDY  
DEFINITELY DOES!

MAYBE I'LL HAVE TO HUG YOU  
AGAIN AND SEE IF I CAN FIND OUT  
JUST TO HAVE ONE OVER THEM

HE-HEEEE!

HOW ABOUT  
NO!

YOU ARE  
DRUNK OUT  
OF YOUR  
MIND.

LET'S WAIT UNTIL HUSKY  
GETS OUT OF THE SHOWER SO WE  
CAN GET YOU SOME FOOD YOU NEED  
TO SOBER UP I DON'T KNOW HOW  
MUCH MORE OF THIS I CAN TAKE

YEAH

I'M A SNAKE  
LOVER



I REALLY DONT  
WANT THINGS TO  
CHANGE.



WHY AM I WORRYING  
SO MUCH? THE FACT THAT  
THINGS WILL CHANGE  
DOESN'T MEAN THAT  
IT WILL BE FOR THE  
WORSE.

NO, WHAT I AM  
WORRYING ABOUT  
IS WHAT IS GOING  
TO HAPPEN  
WHEN HE  
IS OUT  
OF MY  
LIFE.

I MEAN, MEETING SAETTO  
AND HAVING HIM IN MY LIFE  
IS A CHANGE FROM BEFORE.  
I WASN'T EXPECTING THAT.

HUSKY  
YOU NEED TO COME  
OUT HERE NOW!  
CHRIS IS REALLY  
DRUNK AND GETTING  
READY TO GET NAKED!

HEHE, NEVER A  
DULL MOMENT.

THEN LET HIM  
GET NAKED! HE  
ALWAYS WALKS  
AROUND THE HOUSE  
IN HIS UNDERWEAR.  
THAT IS PRACTICALLY  
NAKED.

I THINK  
I JUST NEED  
TO RELAX.



MAYBE I AM WISHING  
ABOUT NOTHING AT ALL.

SO EVEN IF I  
TAKE THEM OFF YOU  
WONT? THAT'S NOT  
FAIR!



I NEVER SAID I  
WAS PLAYING!

YOU GO AHEAD  
AND STRIP ALL ON  
YOUR OWN.

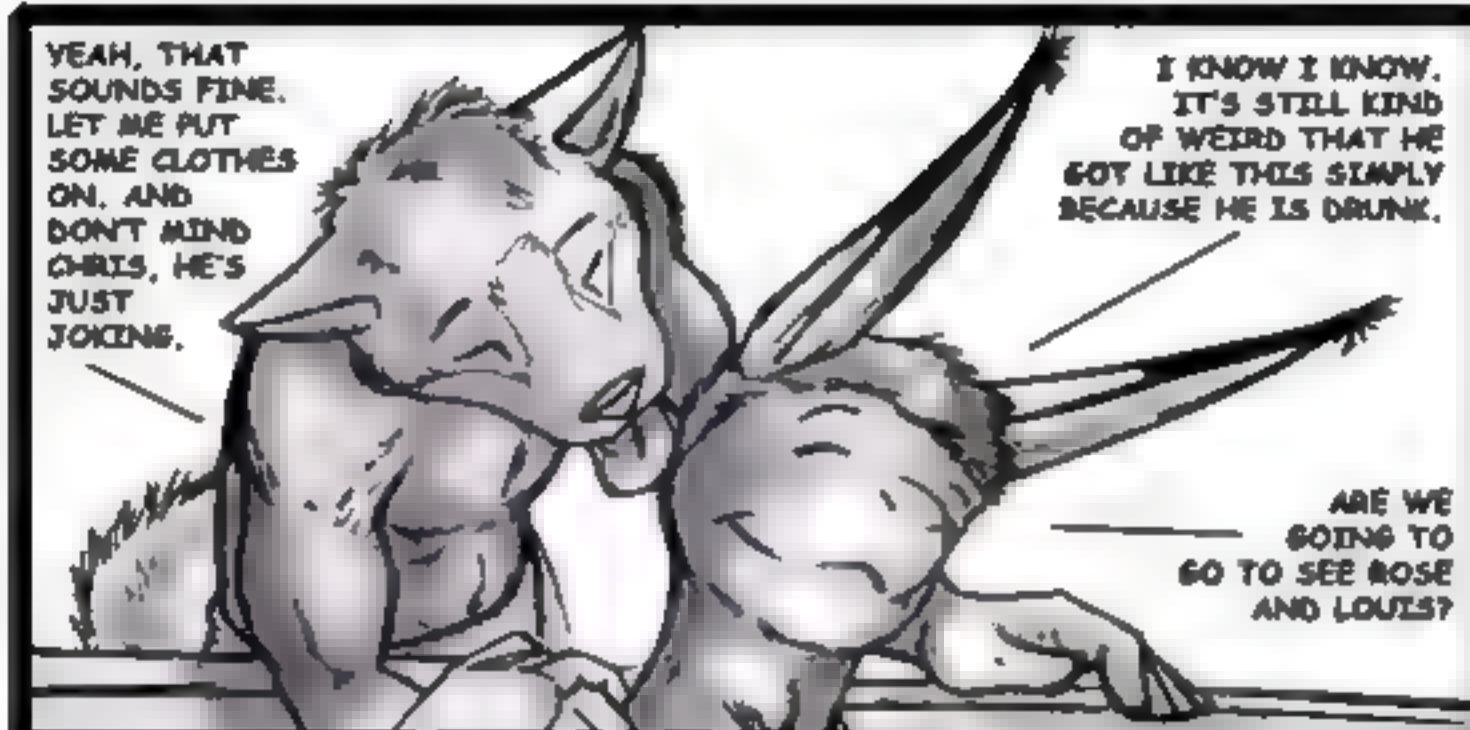
MAYBE YOU  
SHOULD BOTH  
STRIP.

OH?

YOU'RE SUCH A PERV.  
KEEP DREAMING MAN. I'M NOT INTO  
THAT, AND CHRIS ONLY WANTS TO SEE  
ME NAKED SO THAT HE CAN BRAG  
TO THE REST OF YOUR FRIENDS.

YEAH, I KNOW, BUT THINK OF  
HOW FUNNY IT WOULD BE FOR WHEN  
HE SOBERS UP WE CAN SAY THAT WE  
BOTH HAD TURNS AT HIM.


HOW ABOUT WE JUST  
GO OUT AND GET SOME FOOD?



YEAH, THAT  
SOUNDS FINE.  
LET ME PUT  
SOME CLOTHES  
ON. AND  
DONT MIND  
CHRIS, HE'S  
JUST  
JOKING.

I KNOW I KNOW.  
IT'S STILL KIND  
OF WEIRD THAT HE  
GOT LIKE THIS SIMPLY  
BECAUSE HE IS DRUNK.

ARE WE  
GOING TO  
GO TO SEE ROSE  
AND LOUIS?



YOU KNOW  
WHAT? I  
THINK I  
WANT TO  
GO OUT  
WITH A  
FAT  
CHICK  
YEAH THAT'S  
WHAT I WANT

YEAH, ROSE AND LOUIS.  
I HAVENT SEEN  
THEM IN A WHILE.

JUST LET ME  
GET SOME  
PANTS ON.  
AND THEN  
WE CAN SOBER  
UP MY GOOD  
FRIEND  
HERE.

I HAVE FEELING THAT  
TONIGHT WILL BE GOOD.  
OH MY GOOD.





IF YOU FORGER A LEFT. LIT (ALBA)

AN AWFUL LOT OF RUNNING  
-CHAMELEON CTRCLTY

WERE THE WORLD MINE  
-FANAB COHER

FEELING GOOD  
-MUSE-

AMERICAN BOY  
-REVELL

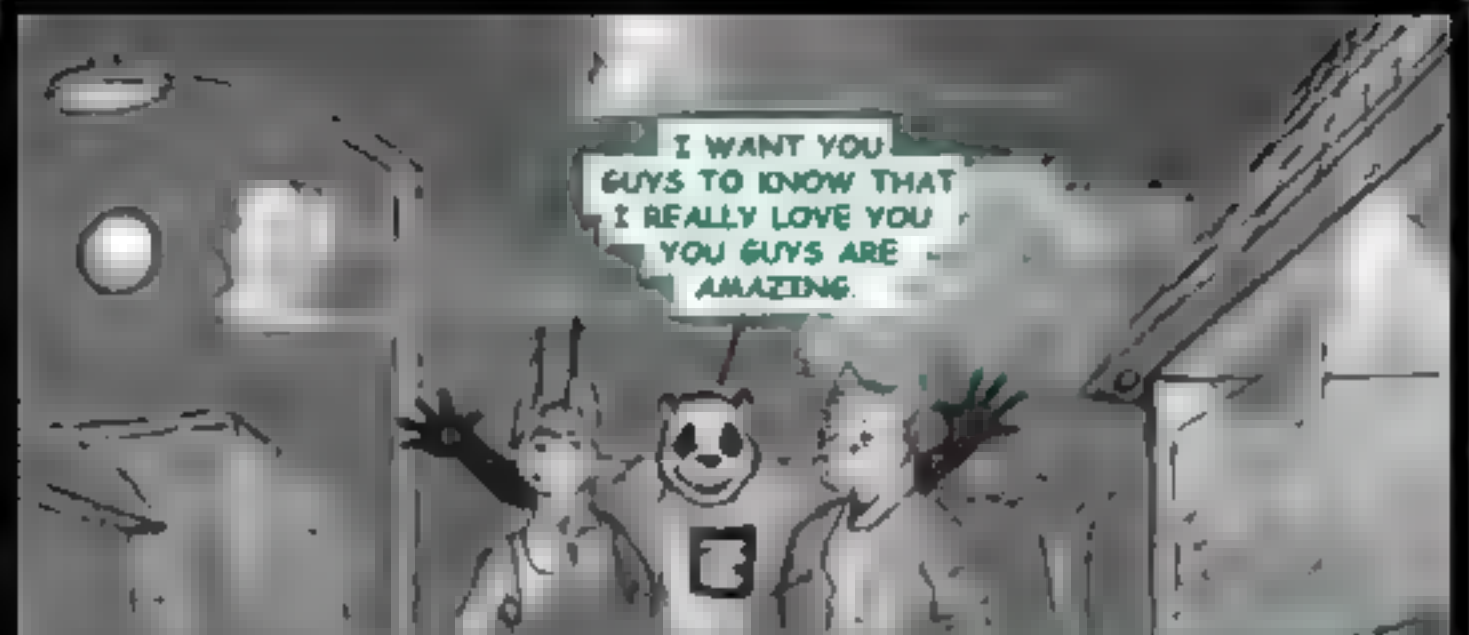
REBELLION (LIES)  
-JACOB LITE-

GOOD LIFE  
-MONE REFUGLI


WAS LOVE  
-CAPTAIN MING-

# Fur-Piled

IT JATION  
-ALLIES

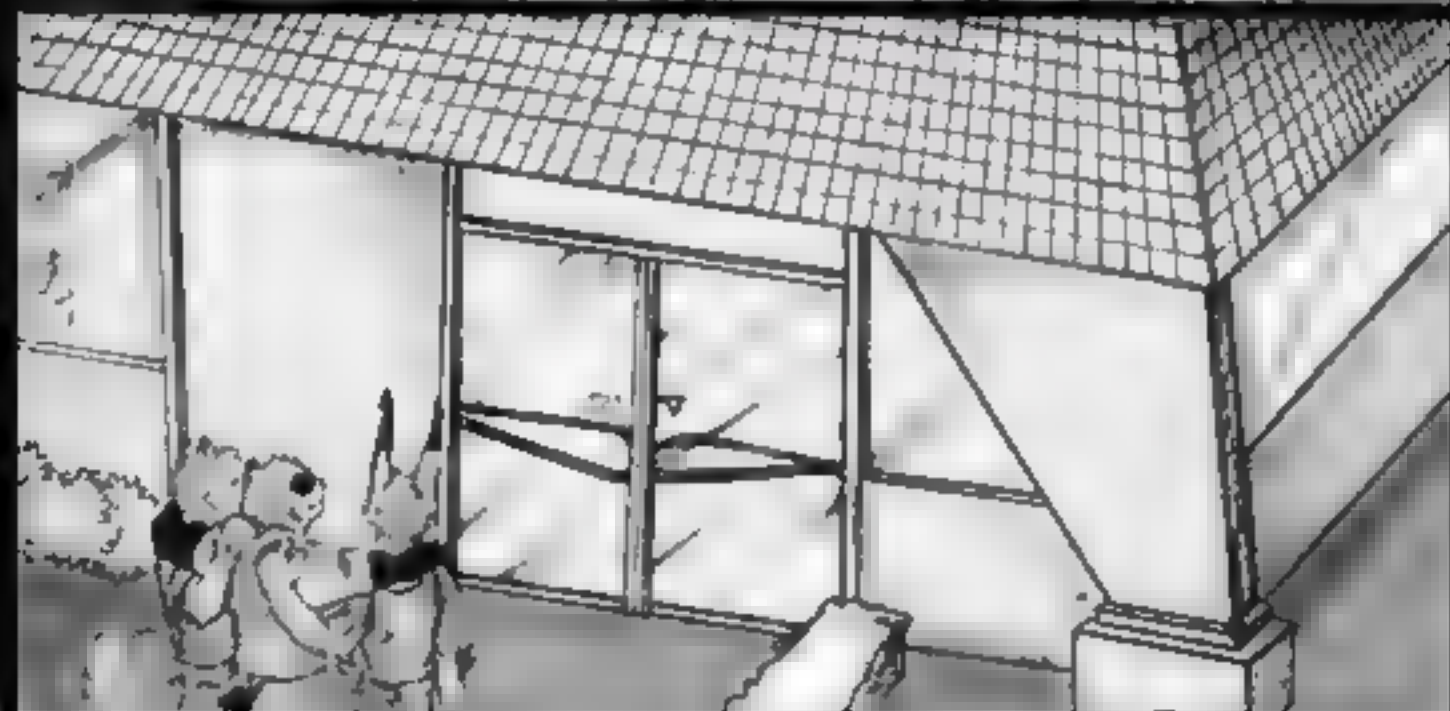


I WANT YOU  
GUYS TO KNOW THAT  
I REALLY LOVE YOU  
YOU GUYS ARE  
AMAZING.



I CAN STILL  
SMELL THE  
ALCOHOL ON  
HIS BREATH.  
WHAT ON  
EARTH DID  
HE DRINK?

I DON'T KNOW  
SOME OLD MAN  
GAVE IT  
TO ME









HEY GUYS!

HMM?



I FIGURED EVERYONE  
WOULD BE HERE  
TONIGHT. I MEAN  
WE ALWAYS MEET  
HERE ON FRIDAYS.



YOU LITTLE FLUFFBALL!  
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN HIDING?  
I'VE ONLY TALKED TO YOU A  
COUPLE OF TIMES OVER THE PHONE  
AND HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN YOU  
IN THE FLESH FOR ALMOST  
A MONTH NOW.

I KNOW I KNOW,  
I'VE BEEN BUSY.  
AND I'VE MISSED YOU  
TOO.

IT'S GOOD TO BE  
BACK. IT FEELS  
LIKE FOREVER



FIRST THOUGH, LET ME  
INTRODUCE INDIGO

HE'S  
MY MATE



HELLO  
THERE

HE'S THE REASON  
I'M HERE TONIGHT

NICE TO  
MEET YOU  
ALL



SO, LET'S GO  
INSIDE I  
HAVE SO MUCH  
TO TELL  
YOU

IT'S BEEN  
QUITE THE  
COUPLE OF  
WEEKS



SO I FINALLY  
HUNG UP ON THE GUY.  
I TOLD HIM THAT I MY  
BUSINESS WAS BRINGING  
IN THREE TIMES AS  
MUCH MONEY AS  
ANY OTHER  
IN THAT AREA,  
AND THAT I WAS  
KEEPING MY RAINBOW  
FLAG ON THE  
DOOR.

THAT'S  
AWESOME! I'M  
SO HAPPY FOR  
YOU!

HEY HEY!  
LOOK AT WHAT THE  
CAT DRAGGED  
IN.

HELLO  
GIRL!

YOU CHEEKY COW!  
WHERE HAVE YOU  
BEEN HIDING?

I WAS  
STARTING TO  
GET WORRIED  
ABOUT YOU.  
I EVEN  
HEARD  
RUMMORS  
THAT YOU HAD  
GONE STRAIGHT!

HA HA HA HA!  
MEE? STRAIGHT??

SORRY HON, BUT  
~~REALLY~~  
OF WHAT YOU  
~~SEE AND TASTE~~  
OF WHAT YOU HEAR.  
I STILL LIKE MEN MORE THAN  
ROCK STARS LIKE DRUGS.

BUT IT'S GOOD TO  
SEE YOU AGAIN. I MISSED  
YOU.

WELL HELLOOOO  
THERE.

YOU MUST BE THE  
GUY THAT TOOK OUR  
LITTLE FOX OFF HIS  
FEET

I SUPPOSE I AM.  
MY NAME IS INDIGO,  
INDIGO BLUE.  
IT'S NICE TO MEET  
YOU ALL.

IT'S NICE TO FINALLY  
MEET IAN'S FRIENDS.

I HAVE  
HEARD A LOT  
ABOUT YOU  
GUYS.

I'M NATASHA.

NICE TO MEETCHA  
NATASHA!

I'M GOING  
TO TAKE A  
WILD GUESS  
AND SAY THAT  
THAT YOU ARE  
SAETTO  
AND  
CHRIS?

THE FOX IS  
ANDY AND THAT  
IS HIS NEW  
SUPPORTER?

LOOK AT THEM  
ALL



NO ROSE!  
I'M NOT ANSWERING  
THAT QUESTION MY GOD  
HE'S RIGHT BEHIND YOU,  
YOU ARE SO  
SHAMELESS

BEING  
SHAMEFUL  
NEVER GOT  
ME ANYWHERE

PLEASE TELL ME  
YOU GUYS DON'T  
HAVE PLANS  
FOR LATER  
ON TONIGHT?

WE HAVE SOME  
PLANS BUT THEY  
ARE FLEXIBLE.  
WHAT DO YOU  
HAVE IN MIND?

I BET IT'S  
THE SAME  
THING ALL  
YOU WILD  
ANIMALS  
ALWAYS HAVE  
IN MIND.



I REALLY DONT  
WANT THIS TO END.



OK, FINE, DONT TELL ME, I'LL  
JUST MOVE MY FINGERS  
APART, YOU NOD WHEN I  
SHOULD STOP.

ALRIGHT.

YOU KNOW WHAT, THOSE CHAPS  
HAVE GOTTEN A LOT MORE USE SINCE  
HALLOWEEN.

HAHAHAHA!  
I WANNA  
SEE THAT





ALL MY FRIENDS  
ARE HERE, AND ALL  
OF THEM ARE HAPPY  
AND HE IS HERE AND  
I LOVE HIM, AND HE  
LOVES ME.

THEN AGAIN  
IT MIGHT BE EVEN  
BETTER.

SO WHY AM I  
FREAKING OUT?  
WHY AM I NOT HAPPY?

BUT I AM SCARED  
TO FIND THAT OUT  
I JUST DON'T WANT TONIGHT  
TO END.

THIS IS NOT  
GOING TO LAST I KNOW  
THAT THE NIGHT WILL END,  
AND A NEW DAY WILL  
START, BUT IT MIGHT  
NOT BE AS GOOD.

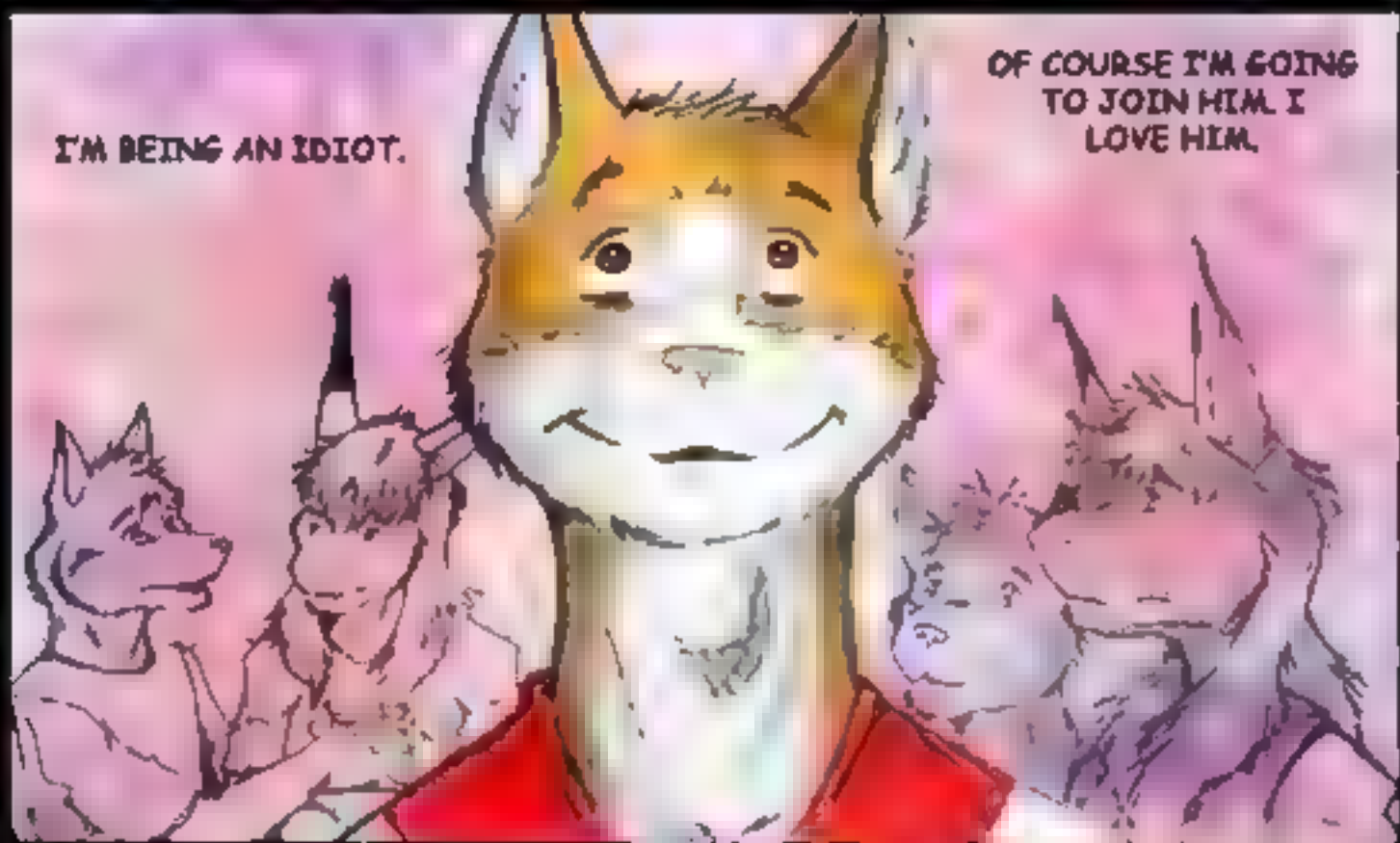
I WANT IT TO  
LAST FOREVER.



HEY HANDSOME,  
ARE YOU GOING  
TO JOIN US?

I'M BEING AN IDIOT.

OF COURSE I'M GOING  
TO JOIN HIM. I  
LOVE HIM.



I WILL ALWAYS  
LOVE HIM.



I LOVE HIM.  
I LOVE THEM  
ALL.  
THEY ARE-AND  
ALWAYS  
WILL BE MY  
FAMILY.



I'M SORRY  
I WAS BEING  
SUCH A  
DOWNER.

IT'S OK. I JUST  
HOPE THAT YOU  
HAVE WORKED  
OUT WHATEVER  
WAS TROUBLING  
YOU;  
AND THAT  
YOU KNOW  
I AM HERE  
TO HELP  
IF YOU  
NEED ME.

I KNOW.





LOOK, WE ARE HERE AGAIN! IT'S SO HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IT HASN'T BEEN THAT LONG AND WE BOTH HAVE CHANGED SO MUCH.

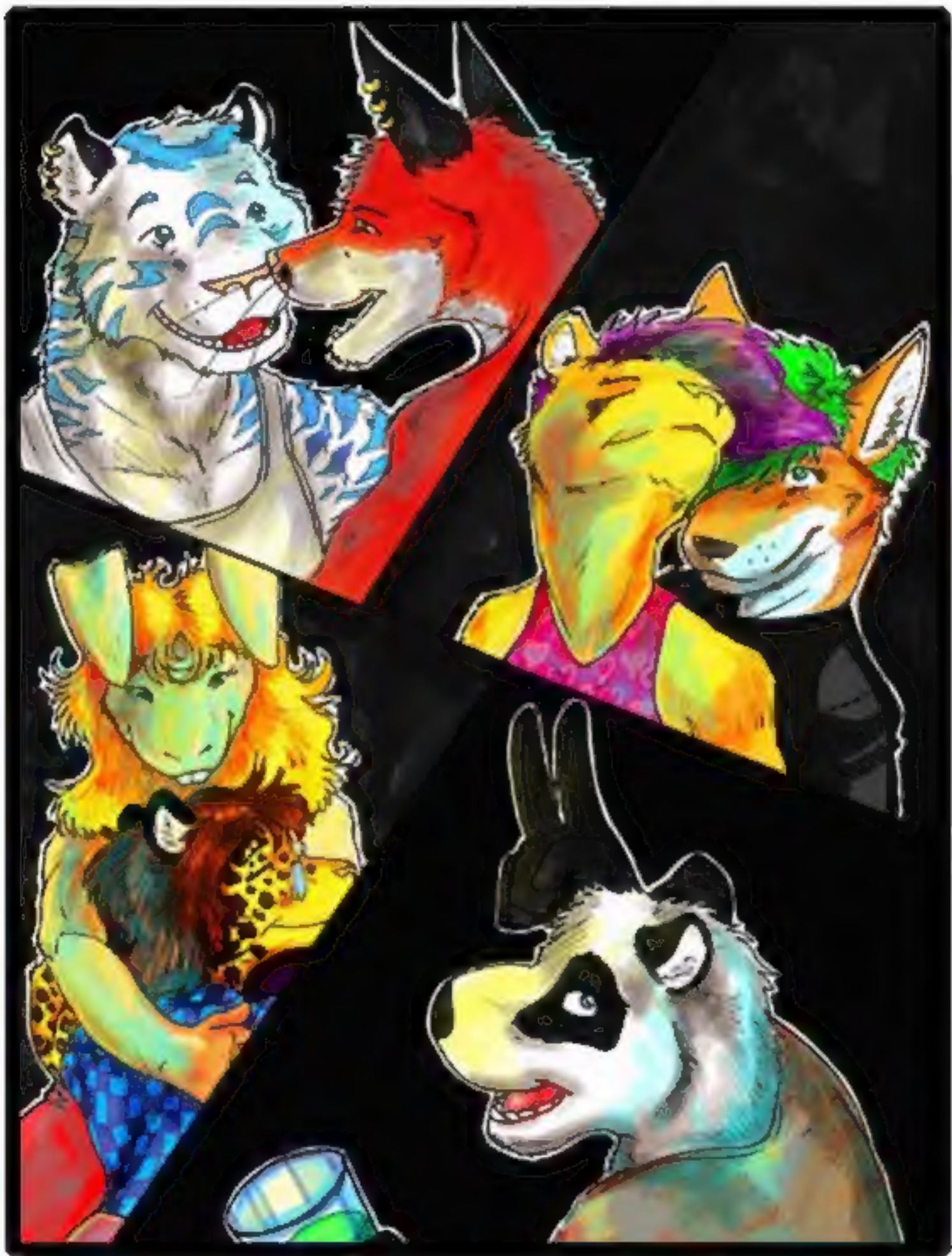
I'M SO GLAD THAT I TOOK A CHANCE AND CAME UP TO YOU.

I KNOW! ISN'T IT GREAT? I MEAN, LOOK AT HOW HAPPY EVERYONE IS. IT'S REALLY AMAZING.

I'M GLAD YOU DID TOO, BECAUSE THE SPOTLIGHT IS SO MUCH BETTER WHEN YOU HAVE SOMEONE TO SHARE IT WITH.









THE END

